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Status Quo

[image]

Hiccup's pov

I was flying through the sky on Toothless. The cold breeze was nice and I felt calm. All of a sudden I heard another set of wings flapping beside me. I turned to see Astrid. "Hi Astrid why are you flying today?" I asked. Astrid liked early morning flights to keep her alert. "I could ask a you the same thing" she responded in a playful tone. "Just clearing my thoughts. A lot happened recently" I said thinking of the events that had taken place just a short while ago. "Your telling me. I still can't believe Viggo is gone". Everyone had been a bit confused by the last few days. With Viggo gone and the the edge in bad shape it was only a matter of time before we started wondering if we should go back to Berk. "Hiccup we should head back to the edge the riders want to discuss our next course of action" Astrid added snatching me from my thoughts. "Oh....that's probably best" I replied and we went back to the edge.

Viggo's pov

It must have been days since I fell in that volcano. I had been lucky enough to land on a ledge of rock but was still very hurt in some places from the fall. I had gone back to my base as soon as I could to think of a new plan but something was distracting me. Something I had tried to forget about for years. I had found a picture. "Viggo sir?" A hunter said as he walked into my tent. "What is it?" I quickly replied. I didn't want to be disturbed. "I have news that the riders think you are dead" he said almost afraid of what my reaction could be. "Time is on my side then" I replied as I guestured for the hunter to leave. He left and I stared at the picture on my desk it was a beautiful painting of me, my wife and my son. Oh my poor son a petal plucked too soon. As for my wife I missed her every day. What would she say if she were here? I wish that I could move on past the pain but every now and then I would be reminded of them and it would reveal my more human side. I looked at the picture again. Had he always looked so innocent and precious? I know I need to avenge them.

Hiccup's pov

"Hiccup are you even listening?" Snotlout asked from across the table. "Oh yeah totally!" I responded. "So what do you think?" He questioned. "What do I think of what?" I replied. "About making a statue of me? Obviously" he said in a snarky tone. "Snotlout we are not doing that! Now on the other hand we should stay on the edge" I quickly changed the subject. "Hiccup are you sure it's worth it?" Fishlegs asked. "Fishlegs we came out here to learn and discover not to fight dragon hunters! We now have the freedom to actually study and learn uninterrupted" I explained to him. "Hiccup is right we should stay it's great out here!" Tuffnut butted in. "Yeah no parents, no annoying neighbors it's great!" Ruffnut added. "I wouldn't be too sure about that" Snotlout remarked. Oh gods this is crazy. "Guys can we just take a vote?" I asked. This was a good idea what could go wrong? "Ok who thinks we should stay?" I said. Astrid, Tuffnut, Ruffnut, Fishlegs and I all raised our hands. We stared expectantly at Snotlout. "Fine let's stay!" He shouted as he threw his hands in the air. "That was the right call Hiccup" Astrid's voice said beside me. "Thanks Astrid I don't know what I'd do without you" I replied as we walked to my hut.

Back in Hiccup's Hut

Astrid and I sat there in his hut thinking, just thinking. "So what are you thinking about?" Astrid asked. "Viggo. You?" I responded. "Viggo" she replied " We need to stop just sitting around, you should talk to Stoick the last time you did that was when we were attacking Viggo's base". "That's a good idea make sure that he's ok along with the A team" I said almost racing to the door. I hopped on Toothless and heard Astrid and Stormfly behind me as we flew to the clubhouse. When I arrived I walked in to see everyone still there. Snotlout was talking with Tuff and Ruff, Heather was sharpening he axe and Fishlegs was standing a good few paces away from her as they talked. " Guys listen up me and Hiccup are going to Berk" Astrid shouted as the twins were now very loudly jumping off their chairs and climbing back up again. "What are you doing?" I asked. "You don't wanna know but hey have a nice flight and all that" Heather said looking over to me and Astrid with a big, suspicious grin. "Ok well just remember Heather is in charge while I'm gone" I said one last time as I walked over to Toothless and got on. Me and Astrid got ready and started our flight.

On Berk
Stoick'a pov

I had been busy since the day we attacked Viggo's base. I was always busy but now even more so. I had just left Gobber's shop to check up on it when I heard a familiar sound. I looked to the sky to see two dragons with their riders. "What brings you here?" I asked the tow teens as they landed. "Hey dad great to see you" Hiccup said as he walked over to me. He seemed so happy and cheerful now that Viggo was gone, which makes sense, after all he had tried to kill Hiccup many times. Even the thought of that made me sick. "Dad emm me and Astrid are emm well" Hiccup began. Oh dear Odin please let this be what I think I said to myself. "Well spit it out" I urged. "Me and Astrid are in a relationship!" He blurted out his cheeks red. "Oh thank Odin and all the gods i never thought that this would happen!" I shouted at the top of my lungs as I brought Hiccup into a bone crushing hug. "What's that supposed to mean dad?" He asked. I just stared at him a bit embarrassed. "Just kidding dad I understand" he added and laughed. "Haha anyway I'm proud of you. If you want you could use my betrothal gift to your mother to give to Astrid" I suggest. Hiccup looked at me. "Dad really I am not going to propose right after everything that happened!" He said to me a bit annoyed. "Ok well I'll get it for you just in case" I said quickly walking over to the place where I stored things I searched for a few minutes I found a painting, a jem and a piece of paper with some writing on it. Finally I found the small round object mad of copper and iron. It had beautiful engravings on it and was just as good as the day Gobber made it for me for Valka. "Here Hiccup this is what I gave your mother" I said handing it to him. I also handed him the other items so he had a bit of home. He took it in his hands and stared at it. Then he looked up at me his face glowing with happiness. "Thanks dad" He said before rushing out the door.

Hiccup's pov

I was running holding the coin like object in my hands towards Astrid's parents' house. I stoped when I got to the door and put the thing in Toothless' saddle bag and knocked on the door. Not long after The beautiful Astrid answered the door. "Hi Astrid have you told your paren..."I started as she suddenly cut me off. "So I'm thinking we wait until they can't get rid of you before we tell them!"

Astrid whispered. I paused for a second. "What do you mean until they can't get rid of me? As in married?" I asked flirting now. "That's not...I didn't mean....Well only if you wanted.....But....Yes I guess so" she stuttered shyly. I didn't know how to respond to what she just said. She would marry me if I asked! But did I want to marry her?

.....Yes.....

but now isn't the time.

Realization

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Hiccup's pov

"Well it's good to know the answer before I ask" I responded to her stutters. Of course I was expecting her to punch me or something but instead she pushed me out the door and followed me out then grabbed me by the collar and began to kiss me. I was shocked at first but then I kissed back and we just stood there kissing as if nothing else mattered. When we finally broke away we looked into each other's eyes. "Astrid your so beautiful" I said without thinking. "I know" she replied jokingly. "Well I should go it's getting late" I finally added as I turned to Toothless who was lying down a few feet away. "Goodnight Hiccup" she said as she went inside. I'm I lucky or just dreaming because this day has been a miracle.

Viggo's pov

Everything was ready. I had my plan layed out and all I needed now was to wait for the right moment. You are finally going to lose Hiccup and right when you thought you could win. "Viggo I think you'll want to hear this!" Ryker said. "We're ready"

Hiccup's pov

I opened my eyes to blackness all around me. Where am I? What's going on? I realized that my hands were tied behind my back. What who could have done this Viggo's dead there's no way someone else has already realized that we like dragons! Then I saw a light in the darkness. My eyes had to adjust to the brightness. "Hello Hiccup" I heard in a familiar, menacing voice. "Viggo, I thought I was rid of you for good" I tried to respond not showing my surprise. "Sorry to say but soon it will be the reverse. You can't win every time" he respond his voice calm. "Enjoy your victory for now Viggo. My friends will save me!" I retorted my voice getting louder. "I have business to attend to, stay put" Viggo finished as he left the room and I was plunged back into darkness.

Viggo's pov

As I left Hiccup in the darkness I thought to myself. If only he were on my side. He would be a great tactical mind but he is weak. I walked out to my tent where a bad he had with him was left for me to check. First I saw a gem that looked like my own sword's gems. Then I saw a small copper object. After this I pulled out a picture that was painted roughly and yet still was clear. I looked at it and dropped the picture. "Viggo is everything alright in here?" My brother asked as he piped through the door. "Ahem.... yes I'm fine I just.... I'm fine" I tried to respond. "Whatever you say Viggo" he said leaving the tent. I picked up the picture again to make sure I wasn't crazy. I looked at it and then the picture on my own desk. Was it really that picture from so long ago but it could not be. How did Hiccup have this? I looked at the final item in his bag, a letter.

Dear Valka
I wish that I could write to you from better situations but alas I am not. If you are receiving this I am most likely already in Valhalla or perhaps the depths of Hel.
I received your letter and am only hoping that you find someone else, someone better then me. I do not deserve you so please find the man you were meant to be with. I only hope the child receives the best in life and has a loving family.
Goodbye my love

This can't be. I walked back to where Hiccup was. Am I really doing this? I grabbed a torch and walked in again. "Hope you didn't miss me" I calmly said. As I looked at him he was obviously looking for something to escape with. "There is nothing in here Hiccup but I would be willing to talk" I added. "What is it now Viggo" the distain was clear as he spoke. "Well Hiccup I needed to ask you something. Can you tell me, is your mother named Valka?" I managed to get out hopefully I said it calmly.
"Why do you want to know?" He said slightly aggressively. "You're not in a situation to argue Hiccup" I quickly snapped out. "Yes she was called Valka" he responded sighing. This can't be but if that is the truth then Hiccup is.....wait "Was?" I asked. "Yes she died when I was a baby. She was killed by a dragon" Hiccup responded sadly. I almost felt sorry for the boy. So Valka is gone. Why did I hope? "Thank you for answering my questions" I said with more sadness then I would have liked. I walked out the door and thought.

Back at my tent I sat at my desk holding the two pictures in my hand the beautiful woman in both was elegant and sweet, the child in both was small and innocent. The man however was different. In the one I owned the man was me medium build stern but happy. In Hiccup's picture the man was large build with a massive grin and a large beard. I looked at the boy again paying close attention to every detail his messy brown gator and emerald green eyes were staring at me. Well then it must be him. For the first time in a while my head was cloudy and I couldn't think straight. What do I do. He's a dragon rider I can't ever agree with him we stand for very different things. I've tried to kill him several times!

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Well sorry that was so short I'm sort of busy at the moment but will try to get chapters out often
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Eventfull

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Hiccup's pov

"Hiccup are you in here?" I heard a voice call out from the darkness. "Astrid, is that you? I ask the darkness. "Hiccup thank gods! Stormfly low flame" she says and the room is illuminated by a warm orange glow. Astrid quickly broke the handcuffs and we ran out of the room. I looked around and saw arrows flying through the air while the riders were firing back. "Get on Stormfly" Astrid says as she jumps on her dragon. I jump on too and we fly straight up. The other riders saw us and followed suit.

"Wait Astrid! Viggo has my bag!" I shout in realization. "What, is that important?" She responds as she turns to see me. "Well.... something.....important" I say trying to keep it vague. Then Astrid tells Stormfly to dive right at Viggo's tent . When we reach the ground I run in and see Viggo. I expected him to attack me but he just sat at his table. He was staring at the ground and I almost felt afraid to move. "You can take your bag and go Hiccup I am not going to stop you" his calm voice escaping from his mouth."but I want to give you this. I would suggest reading it in private" he added and his voice made the air go still. He had a piece of folded paper in front of him on the table and then looked up at me. He picked it up and walked over handing it to me. I took the paper from him and hastily got my bag. I checked to see if everything was there. The picture, the letter, the gem and finally the coin like object. I looked at Viggo one last time before I left.

"Hiccup are you ok? I thought I heard Viggo's voice!" Astrid quickly asked. Seeing the worry in her eyes I quickly reassured her that I'm fine. I get back on Stormfly and we start flying back to the edge. That was weird right? What is Viggo up to now? I should just get back to the edge and read the letter. I wonder what it says? Oh Thor how is he even alive. He fell into a volcano! I can't believe that this isn't over.

Back at the edge

I thanked the riders and then went to my hut. I put my bag down on the floor beside the door and walked over to my table. I sat down and opened the note.

Dear Hiccup
I am writing this letter to you because I have reason to believe that you could be my son. I would like to talk on Odin's Respite. Please meet me there in three days.
Sincerely Viggo Grimborn

Wait what SON! He thinks I'm his son but how? Does this mean I'm adopted? Wait! what if he is trying to mess with me and it will be a trap? "Hiccup What are you doing now?" I heard the familiar voice of Astrid say. I scrambled to hide the note and then stood up to turn to her. "Oh hey Astrid, hi Astrid, how are you doing?" I blurted out. "I'm just checking on you. You seemed like you were in another world when we were flying back" Astrid said obviously worried for me. "I'm fine Astrid. I was just thinking" I reassure her giving her a soft kiss on the forehead. Then a wave of heat comes over me and I feel a bit hazy. "Hiccup are you ok? Astrid asks as I step back and quickly sit down on the chair by my table. "Astrid, I'm fine I just need to rest" I managed to say before I pass out.

Astrid's pov

I run over to Hiccup. "Hiccup are you ok?" I ask knowing the answer. Then I call for the others. "Fishlegs, Snotlout, Ruff, Tuff, Heather where are you guys?" I shout not wanting to leave Hiccup's side. Then I see Fishlegs, Snotlout and Heather burst through the door and together we get Hiccup up to his bed. "What happened?" Fishlegs asked. "We were just talking and then he started to stumble backwards. He sat on the chair. He said he felt better but then he fainted!" I replied hoping Fishlegs knew what was wrong. "We need to get Gothi. Send a message to Berk" Heather calmly says. "Thanks Heather. I don't know what I'd do without you" I happily thanked my friend. I sat by his bed for the rest of the day. I couldn't bring myself to move from his side.

He woke up early in the evening. He still felt poorly so he stayed in bed. I decided to leave him be so he could sleep. I was about to leave when he grabbed my hand. "Astrid, I need you to get a

message to Viggo" he said weakly. I turned back to him. "What do you want to tell him?" I asked curiously. "Can you give me a piece of paper and a charcoal pencil?"He asked as he began to sit up. I wondered why he didn't want to tell me. I got them both from his table and gave them to him. He started writing the letter. After he finished he handed me the letter and said "Promise me you won't read it". I looked at him and nodded, then left the hut.

I got a terrible terror and tied the message to his leg. Viggo used the terrors as a messaging system too so they never got hurt. It few off as I walked up to the clubhouse. "How is he?" Five people asked me at once. "He's ok but he needs to rest" I tell them trying to not worry anyone. I went to bed not long after.

Talking

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Hiccup's pov

I woke up and felt better. At least I wasn't falling over or anything. I got out of bed and walked out of my hut. Toothless followed with a happy face. I walked to the clubhouse. "What time is it?" I asked my voice sore. "Midday, you sure your ok Hiccup?" Astrid responds worriedly. "Astrid I'm fine" I say holding back a sneeze. "Anyway I have to go to Odin's Respite" I add and finally sneeze. "Not on your own your not!" Astrid interjects with a matter of fact tone in her voice. I opened my mouth to argue but took one look at her face and knew that if I was doing this, I was doing it her way. "Why are you going to Odin's Respite?" Fishlegs asked. "I thought I might as well check to see if I have the Scourge of Odin, right?" I try to convince them. The twins ignore me as they mess with chicken, Snotlout just stares at me and Fishlegs and Heather go back to a game of maces and talons. Then me and Astrid leave the clubhouse to fly to the island.

During the flight

"Hiccup what's the real reason your going to Odin's Respite?" Astrid asked confidently. "Well I'm going to talk to Viggo but I don't want you guys to know because well.... it's more personal" I manage to say. "Personal how?" Astrid quickly thinks out loud. "He says that I might be his son" I blurt out. Astrid looked taken aback. "Are you serious?" The questions continue. "I honestly feel like I'm in a different world to the one that is normal" I remark.

Later on Odin's Respite

The sky began to redden as a pink glow appeared on the clouds. The cold breeze was more prominent now and the sea was wavy and calm. I hope he got the letter, I think to myself. Why am I trusting him? Because if I don't then I could miss out on a life changing event. "Hiccup, you've been staring into the distance for a long time, are you ok?" The calming voice of Astrid said. "We are meeting at sunset, that way Toothless and I have an advantage

Incase it's a trap" I reply. "Hello Hiccup" The stern voice of Viggo. "Astrid, would you mind leaving us alone?" I ask and Astrid nods flying into the air.

"Viggo I got your letter, what in Odin's name are you trying to do?" I ask trying to sound assertive. "Hiccup, I must ask. Have you talked to Stoick about this?" Viggo said sincerely. "No I didn't think you were telling the truth!" I respond in a confused tone. He looked at me and I almost thought he looked surprised. "Hiccup, I'm hurt, I thought you knew I stick to your word" Viggo said in the closest he could get to a playful voice. "I'm sorry Viggo but your not really the trustworthy type" I retort. "I assure you I am not lieing! I would never lie about the one I loved most" he responded. I looked at him and could only wonder what he meant. He must have read my mind because then he added "I believed that my wife and son had died around eighteen years ago, you look just like my son". He seemed so sincere, so honest, I wasn't used to this side of Viggo."I'm sorry to hear that! But I can't be your son, I am the son of Stoick the Vast and Valka Haddock" I reply. "Exactly your mother and I were married and had you but then dragons attacked our village and I thought that you and Valka had died! I spent eighteen years thinking I'd never see you again" he responded. I feel like this is getting awkward. Wait, he is my father but he tried to kill me multiple times!

Viggo's pov

"What is it that you see in dragons that I fail to?" I asked. I want to understand him even if he is fighting for the wrong side. "When I shot Toothless down the first time I saw him I went looking for him. When I found him he was caught in the net I had shot at him. I wanted to kill him to avenge my Mother and prove myself to my father but when I looked at him all I saw was fear, not anger." He told me. "But how could you forgive dragons for taking your mother?" I asked honestly curious now. "Just because one dragon did something bad doesn't mean they all are" He explained. What he said made sense but dragons were bad the brought death and destruction. "Viggo I need to go. This is insane" he breathed and promptly got on his dragon. I watched as he flew off and joined Astrid in the sky as they headed back to the edge no doubt.

Facing the Father

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Hiccup's pov

I walked up to the door of my father's house and stood there for a second. "Hiccup, don't worry, if it is true your father will still love you" Astrid reassured me. Thanks Astrid, your right" I replied. I let out a big sigh and took a deep breath as I opened the door. My Dad was sitting by the fire probably about to have dinner when he looked up and saw me. "Hiccup!" He simply exclaimed as he walked over and gave me a bone crushing hug. "dad we need to talk!" I get to the point. "Of course son, what is it?" He asked as he sat down then gestured to the seat beside me. I sat down on the chair wondering how to start. "Well you see..." I start. "Spit it out son!" He says. "Ok, so I have reason to believe that your not my...birth father!" I blurt out. I look at him to see a shocked expression on his face. "How did you find out?" He almost whispered. "Well,...you see.....Viggo says he's my father!" I stuttered. "I should have know! Hiccup I need to tell you what I know! That man is evil but he wasn't always" he said as he tried to comprehend what I had said.

Roughly 19 years ago

Valka's pov

I had just read the letter that would change my life . I had just been informed that my husband was dead. I wanted to cry but I couldn't seem weak. That night there was a dragon attack I tried my hardest to protect people but I ended up getting caught by a dragon. The dragon didn't try to kill me. It carried me away from that island. I never felt at home on that island. The dragon started to get tiered and landed. I ran away from it because I was afraid. When I stoped I saw a village, shortly after I passed out.

I woke up to hear birds chirping and people talking. I was laying in a bed in what I assumed was a house. I walked downstairs and saw a big man with a red beard. He looked up at me when he heard me. "Good morning, I'm glad your awake! I'm Stoick" he happy said reaching out a hand. "Uh, Valka. It's a pleasure to meet you" I

responded calmly. I felt a connection with him instantly. "What a beautiful name" he complimented me as he shook my hand. We talked for hours and then he asked me where I'm from. "Nowhere I can go back to!" I replied. "Did you hav family there?" He asked sympathetically. "My husband but he died on a hunting trip" I said sadly. "I'm sorry to hear that" Stoick told me. I spent a few months getting to know Stoick and he and I fell deeply in love. It was a midsummers night when he brought me down to the beach and went down on one knee. "Will you marry me? He asked his heart full of love and fear. "Of course Stoick" I exclaim then kiss him under the moonlight.

Not long after, we were married and for the dancing and the dreaming became know as our song. We thought that we were happy as can be but we were wrong. We found out I was pregnant. Stoick was overjoyed and even though he know that the baby's father was my old husband he agreed to love and cherish him as his own. On that faithful day he came out to early. He was small and weak and they said he wouldn't make it but we refused to give up on him. Stoick would say every day "one day he'll be the strongest of them all!" and I never doubted him. Throughout my time I tried to stop the fight against the dragons but I failed. One night I rushed to protect my son, now named Hiccup but what I saw proved that dragons were good all of a sudden the dragon turned to see me. I tried to fight him off but I couldn't. I wouldn't kill the dragon. As I got carried off I saw Stoick holding Hiccup shouting out to me. That was the last I saw of my family.

Back to present day
Hiccup's pov
"So it's really true! I'm Viggo Grimborn's son!" I said trying to fully process the confirmation of such a fact. Then I started to feel hot again and my sight blurred. I quickly leaned on the table to stop myself from falling of my chair. "Hiccup are you ok?" I heard my dad ask. The feeling started to subside. "I'm fine dad just a bit sick" I told him cheerfully. "Well that's good, stay healthy, I'm off to bed" he said getting up out of his seat. "Goodnight dad" I reply. What now? Viggo's my father but he's a horrible person. What should I do now.

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Family Bonding part 1

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Hiccup's pov
I was about to fly back to the edge when I saw a terrible terror flying through the sky. It flew up to me and sat on my shoulder. I reached over and took the note from its leg.

Dear Hiccup
I am writing because I have to talk with you
Please come to Odin's Respite
At sunrise tomorrow
Kindest regards Viggo

Guess I'm staying the night. I write a letter to the edge telling them I'm staying on Berk and walk back to my dad's house. "Hiccup, I thought you were about to leave?" He asked when I walked in the door. "Oh, em Toothless was emm tired so we thought we'd stay the night" I respond and try to give a convincing smile. I look at Toothless who is already walking upstairs. "See" I add. He looked at me unconvinced. "Sure" He simply replied. I walk upstairs and see Toothless curled up on his stone bed. I guess I should get some sleep, I've had a lot happen today.

Viggo's pov
I felt the cool air as my ship glided across the sea. I had formulated the perfect plan to make Hiccup work for me. I still was in shock. My son was alive but was also on the wrong side. Not only was he on the wrong side but he was their leader. I was going to meet him on Odin's Respite because it was the best Island. It's only dragon didn't attack you unless you took it from its home. With very few trees it would also keep Hiccup from any suspicions. It was also close to both the edge and Berk. "Land!" A hunter shouted. Good we're here. "Everyone stay on the ship except you four!" I said pointing at four hunters with bows. "You four come with me" I added.

Later on the Island

I was standing in a patch of grass on the very green island. There were some trees behind me but beside that nothing was out of the ordinary. Just as I thought that I heard loud wings flapping. I turn around to see Hiccup standing next to Toothless. "Viggo how do you have a picture of me if I was born on Berk?" He asked. I was surprised by this question. "I see you spoke to Stoick" I calmly reply. "Very well, you deserve to know" I simply add. "Your mother wanted to tell her family that she was alive and with a family but had no way of getting a message to them, she didn't even know how to go back if she wanted to. One day she must have met Trader Johann because he knew every Island in the arcapeligo, including the island of the dragon hunters. Johann showed up one day with a message and a picture that had me with you and your mother" I told him

He looked at the ground for a few minutes. "So how did you think we were dead?" He asked hesitantly. "One day Johann came to our island and seemed really shaken, I let him calm down for a while and then he told me that a horrible attack happened on Berk. He told me that Valka had died along with... then dragons attacked our Island. I never heard the end of that sentence but I assumed the worst. I told Johann to leave so he could escape. The people of my Island weren't so lucky, it was horrifying" I said ,I couldn't continue. "Viggo, I'm sorry, I didn't know" Hiccup said sympathetically. "You know Hiccup if we were on the same side I wouldn't be so cold to you"I admit. He looked up suddenly in surprise. "I would want to get to know you too" he replied honestly.

"Dragons aren't bad Viggo! They really do care for those who look after them" he tried to convince me. I didn't know how to respond. Al of a sudden Hiccup started to look unwell. "Hiccup are you ok?" I asked. He leaned on his dragon and looked like he was sweating. "I'm fine I just.."He said and then collapses on the ground. I run over to him as his dragon nudges him. His dragon starts growing at me. "Whoa there dragon, I'm not going to hurt him" I say. He doesn't stop growing. I nod and a dragon root arrow flys from behind a tree. "I'm sorry dragon" I whisper then address my hunters. "Bring them to the ship" I order.

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Sorry on other multiple part story. I am already writing the next chapter as this comes out! Also I'm willing to take story suggestions for a new story or short story just say in pm or comments.
Bye bye little butterflies

Family Bonding part 2

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Just before we start I want to say thank you to the people who commented on my last chapter it's you who keep me doing these.now you've been waiting so here

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In Viggo's quarters

"Viggo, he's awake" a hunter says. "Bring him here" I command as I sit at my desk. I wait a few minutes and then the same hunter walks through the door with Hiccup. "I'll take it from here" I say as I gesture towards the door. He leaves as Hiccup sits down on the seat opposite me. "How are you? Better I trust?" I ask. "Yes, that's the third time that's happened" Hiccup replied. A tension hung in the room, neither completely trusting the other. "Do your hunters know?" He asked. I chuckled at this. "No, I would never tell them" I responded amused. "I'm feel the same, sure the riders are my best friends but this!" Hiccup said gesturing around him.

He still seemed quite tired. "Hiccup, how long ago did this start?" I ask. "Around when you first told me that you were...well you know" he told me. I thought for a moment. "Hiccup, I think you have a rare sickness called Dragon's Bane" I explain. Suddenly the ship rocks to one side and I hear the sounds of dragons outside. "I think that's your cue to leave" I say throwing him a key. Hiccup catches it and hesitates. I grab my table as the ship rocks again. He nods and runs out of the room.

Hiccup's pov

I ran below deck avoiding hunters on the way. I saw Toothless and unlocked the door. "Let's go bud!" I say as I get on Toothless and we fly out of there. We meet Astrid in the sky. "Hiccup, explain!" She bluntly says. I scratch the back of my head. "Funny story actually" I say nervously. "You didn't tell the other riders, did you?" I quickly ask. "No, I'm assuming you don't want him to be stuck on a sinking ship?" Astrid asks back. "Not yet anyway" I reply. "Guys we got Hiccup, leave the ship" she shouts. The riders turn as I notice the
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arrows become sparse. Viggo must be telling them to stop. "Let's go Hiccup" Astrid says as we fly off.

Back at the edge
The second we landed I ran to my hut. I ran over to my desk, grabbed a charcoal pencil and began to write.

To Viggo
What can you tell me about Dragon Bane
And is there a cure?
Hiccup.

I gave it to a terror and sent it off. Then I went to the clubhouse. I walked in to see the riders all doing something. Ruffnut was cooking while Tuffnut tried everything criticising it as he went. Fishlegs was making some more dragon cards. Astrid was sharpening her axe. If she keeps sharpening it so often she's going to need to get a new one. I decided to talk to Astrid.

Viggo's pov
Meanwhile on Viggo's boat
"Stop firing they are out of range" I ordered. I saw two of my men whispering and tried my best to listen in on their discussion "have you noticed.....not normal.....something up....we should.....Viggo" one said. "We could never... he knows everything that happens on this ship ..... would be resigning your fate when he surely finds out. I thought to myself. They couldn't be, could they plan on a coup? "Set a course for our island" I tell them before I go back I go to my quarters. Where is that damn book? I think as I search through my belongings. There it is I think as I reach into a chest to grab a red book with a green ribbon on it.

"Viggo sir" a hunter says as he knocks on the door to the room. "What is it?" I ask as I pat myself down. "A letter for you" he replies. "Come in" I command as I sit down behind my desk. He walks in and hands me a piece of paper and then leaves. I read the letter and the grab my own piece of paper. As I wrote I thought to myself. It's crazy that I would help Hiccup just because he's my son. I know I'm not thinking straight or he'd already be dead. I have this urge to protect him that I cannot ignore.

Hiccup's pov

We had finished dinner after a insane story from the twins and salty meal we decided to part ways. I was walking towards my hut with Astrid. "Hiccup, are you sure you trust Viggo? I mean he is your biological father but he's still our enemy!" Astrid asked. "I don't know but he doesn't seem to want me dead like he used to" I reply. "But maybe he's just confused like you are and the second he gets back in his right mind he will ambush you" she wonders. "Astrid , I love you and I love that you care but I think I'll be fine" I say as we reach my hut. I kiss her on the forehead and walk into my hut with Toothless close behind. Just before I closed my door a terrible terror flew in. I read the letter. "I don't know about this!" I said to myself. I have to! I know nothing about my illness. I wrote a quick letter confirming the plan and then went to bed.

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Astrid's pov
I woke up and went for my early morning flight with Stormfly , as always. When we finally got back to the edge we went to the clubhouse. As we walked through the door I saw a little terror fly away. I turned to see the other riders all looking very worried. Then I noticed it "Where is Hiccup?" I nearly shouted. Fishlegs passed me the letter in his hand.

Dear riders
I am sorry to inform you
That I have Hiccup and if you so much
As go near my base I will kill him
On the spot
Sincerely Viggo

"What this can't be real?!" I nervously ask as I look up from it. "I'm afraid it's true" Fishlegs meekly responds. "We need to attack" I shout as I jump onto Stormfly. "Whoa Astrid we all want to get Hiccup back, but you know what the note said, we would be flying into not only ours but also Hiccup's death" Snotlout said surprisingly. "Snotlouts right, we need to think like Hiccup" Fishlegs added. Oh Thor I hope your alright Hiccup!

Hiccup's pov
"Hello Viggo, What are we doing here?" I asked. "The ingredients we need are all on this island" he said as he began to walk off in one direction. I followed and caught up with him. "What are we looking for and are you always this mysterious?" I asked almost annoyed. "I keep things close to my chest as not to reveal any weaknesses to my enemies" he responded his voice calm. "So you still see me as a enemy? I guess Viggo Grimborn really is ruthless"I asked my tone quite happy. He looked at me confused. "There has to be a heart in there somewhere, why else would you help me" I said confidently. He thought for a second. "You sound just like your

mother, she always saw the good in others" he said and I swear I saw the edges of his mouth turn up a bit.

We both looked at each other for a second. "Well we need to find some bitter root" he changed the subject. "It can be found near cliffs" he added. "Toothless Let's, go bud" I said as I got on. "Well Viggo? You coming?" I asked. He walked over and got on behind me. Toothless shot up into the air as Viggo tried to hold onto the saddle. "Bud, what are you doing!?" I asked as the dragon began to dive straight down. "Do you want him to fall off" I shouted. I looked back to see Viggo holding on to the edges of the saddle for dear life. I let a little chuckle escape my mouth, I had never seen Viggo so frightened, I quickly turned back to see we were now about to hit a cliff face. I adjusted his tail fin so he could change direction in time and his wing just avoided it as he turned. He slowed down a bit and landed on top of the cliff.

I quickly jumped off Toothless with Viggo not far behind. "Toothless!" I angrily said as I turned back to the proud dragon "Thanks bud, I know what you were doing but he's trying to help" I explained as he growled at Viggo. He stopped an cooed at me. "Sorry about that Toothless tends to hold a grudge" I apologise to Viggo who looked like he was stopping himself from getting sick. "And you don't?" Viggo asked. I thought for a second "I try not to but..." I replied. He knew what I meant, we had been through too much to just turn around and be friends. I stared looking around "What is bitter root?" I asked as I saw the few plants around us. "Bitter root is know for its sweet taste and healing properties" he quoted his book. "It said to look like a yellowish plant with a purple flower" he added as he looked at some notes he had pulled out.

I scanned the plants around us until I noticed something odd. I saw some roots going over the edge of the cliff. I walked over and looked down to see some yellowish plants with small purple buds. " I found them! Now how do we get them?" I said. Viggo instinctively kept away from the edge which made sense. "Couldn't you fly with Toothless?" He questioned. I shook my head "I'm going to have to climb to them" I say without hesitation. He simply nodded.

Viggo's pov

What can I say? Hiccup is surprisingly reckless when he doesn't feel

like he's in danger, I never would have guessed! He slowly lowered himself over the edge and began to climb down to the bitter root. My head shot around as I thought I heard a rustling in the few bushes nearby. I saw nothing there so I turned back to hear "uh oh". I raced to the edge to see the rocks near the bitter root come loose now that he had removed them. He started to climb as fast as he could and then the rocks under his foot gave out. I quickly reached down and grabbed his hand and pulled him up. His dragon looked at me and his gaze seemed to soften. "Let's hurry up we still need red oleander" I said as Hiccup regained his breath. "There's other types of oleander?" He asked. "You didn't really think that blue and purple were the only ones?" I replied.

"I just still get surprised when I learn new things" he explained. "Anyway where do you find red oleander?" He added. "Red oleander is a crimson red and is found in damp caves" I recited from the book. "Let's go" He said as he turned to Toothless, I almost felt sick just by the thought of riding the dragon again. "We should walk, how will we spot a cave" I quickly said. Hiccup turned suddenly, surprised by me and I swear he smirked a bit. "Come on bud" he said as we started walking away from the cliff edge.

Hiccup pov

We had been walking around for a long time before we found a cave. When we finally did we walked in without hesitation and lit a lantern Viggo had. "Viggo red oleander isn't poisonous to dragons, right? I asked timidly. "Of course not, they are completely harmless" he reassured me. Just then the ground around started to crumble and fall from under our feet.

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In the Dark

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Hiccup's pov

We fell onto the hard ground of the cave. I looked around and saw Viggo start to get up and grab the lantern. I got up and looked at the hole we fell from. "Toothless can't get down here" I noticed. "Well then we should keep going" Viggo replies as he starts walking through the cave. "Ok, bud stay here we'll be back" I told him as I followed Viggo. After a while we came across a big cavernous part of the cave. I looked around and in the very center I saw a small red flower. "There, is that red oleander?" I asked as I walked over to it. "Yes, we only need a petal" he responded. I lent down to pick a petal when "Hiccup, look out!" Viggo shouted as I looked right and moved back just in time to avoid a small white dragon with a smooth body.

"Why is it attacking you" Viggo asked almost expectantly. I thought for a second and then noticed how the dragon was always in my way so I couldn't get to the oleander. "I think it's protecting the red oleander!" I said as I avoid a small flame. "You draw it away while I get a petal" he explained the plan as he walked carefully towards the little flower. I started to move fearther from the flower but then, suddenly the dragon darted towards Viggo. Before I could even warn him he had pulled out a sword that was on fire. I was shocked but now wasn't the time to bring it up. "Don't hurt that dragon Viggo or you'll have me to deal with!" I said as I tried to get close to the flower. He started waving the sword around and it seemed to distract the dragon. I quickly took a petal from the small flower and me and Viggo ran back towards the exit.

"I'm impressed Viggo, I wasn't expecting that from you!" I happily say as we reach the entrance. "Hey bud, are you up there?" I shouted up to the dragon. I heard a meek roar. "Bud, are you ok?" I asked. Then a dragon hunter appeared and looked down at us. He said something to another. I started coughing as I started to lose vision. No, not now, not now! I thought as I lost consciousness.

Later on a hunter ship

Viggo's pov

I was sat in a cell with Hiccup laying on the floor beside me. How did this happen? How could I not see this coming? I heard a small grunt and turned to look at Hiccup. He was beginning to wake up again. "That was a pretty hard fall you had there" I said as he sat up. "What are you doing in here? I would have thought you would be commanding you men! Or are you still trying to play the good guy?" He said to me with anger evident in his voice. "Hiccup, I wasn't a part of this, you have to believe me" I calmly said standing up. He stood up after me and went to grab his sword from his back. He stopped suddenly realising it wasn't there and then ran at me, ready to punch. I easily dodged. "I should never have trusted you! After all you tried to kill me and my friends countless times, almost lead us to our deaths countless times, used others against us countless times, but worse of all you've endangered the one I love most countless times!"he spat out. He was absolutely furious. "Hiccup, you have to believe me I'm not behind this" I said as I began to get angry myself. I quickly managed to tackle him to the ground. I got up and sighed. "Hiccup, listen to me. Those hunters are part of a coup" I tried to explain. Hiccup sighed as he looked at me "What good is your word Viggo?" He asked. "It's a way out" I simply replied. He looked at me obviously unsure of what to choose. "What's the plan?" He muttered.

"When we get out head straight to your dragon" "you mean Toothless" Hiccup cuts in. "Yes and we get out of here" I replied. I then reached into my shoe and pulled out a small knife. I started to stab the wood around the hinges until it snapped off. "Thor speed" I said to Hiccup as I threw the small knife to him and ran the opposite way. I ran onto deck as I grabbed both of our swords. The three men rushed towards me as I held down a button on the shaft. As I did zippelback gas came out of it. I ran towards them and disarmed the first two. I then ignited the two swords and waved them through the gas.

Hiccup's pov

"What was that" I ask walking on deck. I look at the three men laying unconscious on the ground. "I heard a massive bang!" I elaborate. "I have zippleback gas in the hilt of my sword that can be

released and then ignited by my sword" he explained. Wow that's a good idea! "We need to get the antidote" I remembered. "I guess we'll get out of here first" I said as I hoped on Toothless. "Go easy this time bud, he learned not to mess with you" I playfully told the dragon as Viggo now hesitantly got on. I then asked a big question "What now?".

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Not Viggo's Day

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For those wondering I choose this picture because I love Hiccstrid so much and there's a bit in this chapter.

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Astrid said feeling the tension in the room. "I'll go with you, I'm exhausted" I mumble as I walk out of the room. Too many things are happening right now and I don't know how to respond. "You know your crazy, right?" Astrid told me and sighed. "But you love that" I responded as I turned to look her in the eyes. "Yeah, yeah your lucky, with those emerald green eyes you see something I never will" She playfully said. "The thing I see is your beauty" I said flirtingly and pulled her in for a kiss. When we broke away I said goodnight and went to my hut.

Viggo's pov
The following day
I had woken to see a hunter ship on the horizon and a terrible terror siting nearby. I grabbed the note from the small dragon.

Hello Viggo
I know what you have done, you joined the dragon riders. You are a serious liability so I'm getting rid of you.
Sincerely Johann

I turned the note over and began to write on the back. I reattached the note to the terror and set it towards the edge. *Please make it in time.*

Hiccup's pov
Me and Astrid raced to the island. By the time we got there, the hunters had taken Viggo captive. We landed and kept out of sight of the hunters. I grabbed my spy-glass and looked at the ship. I saw a short man wearing a hood and commanding the men. *He must have led the coup.* I passed the spy-glass to Astrid as I began to think. "Hiccup, are you sure we should help him?" Astrid asked trying not to sound insensitive. "No Astrid, they turned on him because of me! I need to make up for that at least" I told her.

We flew into the air and attacked the ship from both sides. "I'll get Viggo, you take out the hunters" I shouted through the air. I dove down on Toothless and landed on the deck. I pulled out my sword as Astrid shot some hunters. I stoped one hunter as Toothless tail whipped two more. I managed to get below deck and free Viggo. "Hiccup, I wasn't sure if you would come" He simply stated as he grabbed a sword and followed me up on deck. As we looked around

we saw Astrid lieing down on the ground. "Astrid!" I shouted as I ran over to her. I looked over to the hooded man, who was the only hunter left standing. "Well done Hiccup, but I'm afraid you have more to worry about then just Astrid" he said. His voice was familiar but I couldn't place it. Hunters got to their feet and surrounded Viggo, Astrid and I.

All of a sudden Stormfly dived down shooting a fire blast. Toothless shot at some hunters and tail wiped the other one. I quickly looked back at Astrid as she got up. "Are you ok?" I asked as she jumped on Stormfly. "I'm fine Hiccup, you can stop worrying about me" she said. "Never" I replied as I got on Toothless. I looked over to Viggo and he seemed.... happy! "Hiccup I understand these creatures now. They saved my and your lives" he explained. "As amazing as that is to hear we need to move!" I said both shocked and cautiously. He got on Toothless and we flew back to a safer island.

"Who was that guy in the hood?" Astrid asked before I could. "You're not going to want to hear this" he said warning us. "We need to know" I replied curiously. Viggo then said "the hooded man is Trader Johann"

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Adjusting to Good and Bad

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Hiccup's pov

"Trader Johann" I heard over and over in my head. "Are you kidding me?" I asked. "I am not a fan of humor" he responded. "And you said you understand why we like dragons?" I also asked. "Toothless saved me, how would I not realise" he said matter of factly. I looked over to Astrid. "This is crazy! We have to tell the riders" I decided. "But Hiccup I thought" Astrid started. "I know but I was gonna have to eventually anyway" I said and we were off.

Back at the edge

We landed at the dome where the others were. The second Snotlout noticed Viggo he grabbed a sword laying around and ran towards us. "Hey Snotlout, you almost hit Hiccup" Astrid angrily pointed out. "Hiccup why is Viggo with you?" Fishlegs asked nervously. "That's it Hiccup has gone mad!" Snotlout shouts. "I haven't, guys Viggo is well.....good now" I try to explain. Astrid puts her hand on my shoulder and nods to me. "I have something I need to tell all of you" I say nervously.

Viggo's pov

Later after a long conversation

"Anyway we have some bad news" Astrid brought up. "Wait So Astrid knew!" Snotlout angrily says. "That's what you care about!" Hiccup asks annoyed. "We think it's cool" Tuffnut said. "Yeah, now you have two dads" Ruffnut said. "It's not exactly like that" Hiccup try's to reply. "Have you told Stoick?" Fishlegs questioned. "No, not exactly yet" Hiccup responds quickly. "Are you riders always this chaotic, it's hard to believe you ever managed to best me" I said in a light tone. They all turned to stare at me. "Did Viggo just make a joke?" Astrid whispered. I gave a small smile. "Astrid's right, there is some troubling news" I added bringing the conversation back to topic. "Johann is not who he says he is" I warn. "Yeah we have a new problem to deal with" Hiccup said. "But you also have a new alli" I add. He looks over to me. "Well I'd much rather have him on

our side " Fishlegs said hopefully.

Later at Hiccup's hut

I looked around the hut. It was entirely made of wood and had an upper half level where he had a bed for himself and Toothless. He had a few interesting inventions laying around. The first was a thing that was made of cloth and some metal parts. "Hiccup, if you wouldn't mind me asking, what is that?" I asked as I walked over to it. Hiccup walked over, picked it up and put it on his back. Then he put straps around his legs and wrists. He stood up and held his arms up to reveal that the cloth was like wings. "I can soar through the sky with this" he said happily. "That's incredible, how did you know it would work?" I asked. He simply scratched the back of his head. "You must have tested it in some way before you" I started but his face said it all.

Hiccup pov

He looked around the room again and seemed to stop his eyes when he saw my shield. "Is that a shield made of gronkel iron?" He asked curiously. "Yeah, not only that, it has a sort of bow, a bola shooter and a grappling hook" I explained. "That's incredible, Hiccup you are quite the inventor" he remarked being impressed. "I had a lot of spare time in between attacking you and you us" I explained as I noticed his eyes focused on something else now. He was looking at a table with a sheet over it. "That's a secret project I'm working on, not even Astrid knows" I tell him. "Anyway we should act fast and strike the hunter base" I changed the subject. "Actually I think we should scout it out first" he suggested. I thought for a bit and then agreed. We told the riders and head off for Viggo's old base.

We were on the way to Viggo's base when we ran into a storm. We went around it but still got to the island with little trouble. When we made it there we couldn't see any hunters. The entire place was empty. We landed and jumped of Toothless. "What's going on?" I asked as I looked around. "Just as I expected, he left" Viggo said. "No, there has to be some clue as to where he went" I said angrily. I noticed that Viggo was looking at something. I followed his eyes to see a massive scorch mark shaped like a lightning bolt. "Is that?" I ask. "A skrill mark" Viggo finished. "But the skrill would never attack the hunters, unless, oh no!" I realised and a worried look

spread across my face. "We need to find them quickly" I said. He went to his tent and we searched high and low for any signs.

Then I saw it. "What about this?" I asked as I rolled it onto the table. "Yes, good work Hiccup, we make quite a team" he said congratulating me. "Should we get the riders?" I asked. "We don't have time" He said before grabbing the paper and walking out towards Toothless. I wrote a quick note and sent a terrible terror. *I hope it gets there in time.*

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Small things and a big thing

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Hiccup's pov

We flew through the sky, the wind rushing past us as we went to the location on the map I found. Viggo was definitely not happy with how fast we're going but agreed because we had to help a dragon. When we got to the island we looked for the dragon under the cover of night. Viggo decided to attack with his sword on the ground and left flying to me. They were on a small mountainous island with a beach on the south shore where they had the Skrill. Toothless and I swooped down and shot two of the hunters guarding the cage as Viggo ran in with his fire sword stopping another two. Then he ran to the cage as I covered him. "Hey Viggo, can you hurry there's a lot of them" I said as Toothless shot his last blast. "Oh no, Toothless ran out of fire" I shockingly mumbled to myself. I landed and got out my own sword and fought off one of the hunters while Toothless tail slapped two. "I unlocked it" Viggo said. I turned around and for a brief second the skrill just looked at him. Then as quick as lightning it flew off into the sky and grabbed Viggo in its claws. "After then bud" I shouted as the hunters started to get up.

Viggo's pov

I was flying through the air carried by the dragon when it started to land on a nearby island. It placed me down and then landed itself. It bowed its head and I bowed back. "Looks like you made a new friend " Hiccup remarked as he landed. "Hiccup this dragon is incredible and deserves the utmost respect" I explained to him as the skrill stood proudly. "Wow, Viggo you really changed didn't you?" He said. "I didn't have much of a choice, then again I wouldn't change back if I could" I responded. "I think it's time I formally introduced myself to your.. father" I decided as I thought. *Could I ever really fix things with Hiccup? My son?*

Hiccup's pov

There I stood about to introduce my fathers to each other. I let out

a sigh and looked at Viggo one more time before I opened the door. My dad was cleaning up after dinner. "Oh Hiccup, sorry if you wanted dinner, Gobber just left" he said cheerfully as he noticed me. "Hi dad, I wanted to formally introduced someone to you" I calmly replied. "Ok well then go ahead" he happily said. "Before I introduce them...please give them a chance" I asked nervously. "Of course son, anything for you" he replied as I opened the door. "Dad, I'd like you to meet Viggo" I said. Viggo stood there as he usually did with a strong posture but I could tell that even he found this situation weird. Dad looked at him for a second unsure of what to do. "I'm sorry for all the trouble I put your son through" Viggo said slowly just about getting the words out. "I'm just happy that Hiccup managed to change you to good, everyone deserves a second chance" my dad replied. Thank gods they aren't killing each other. I left them to talk things over because they didn't need me for that and decided to go to Astrid's house.

At Astrid's house

I knocked on the door and Astrid opens it. "Do you want to go for a fly? I asked as I stepped in out of the windy day. "I'd love to but Stormfly is sick and I wouldn't want to put her through to much" Astrid replied sadly. "Then a chat at the great hall perhaps?" I asked again. "Sure, just let me get my hair tied up and we can go" she said which made me realize, her hair was down and actually pretty long. She was always beautiful but I hadn't seen her like this before. "You look great already" I said making her blush. "I don't ware my hair down much it would just get in my face if I was flying" she explained. I took her hand and we walked to the great hall.

We talked for a while and then Viggo walked into the hall. "Hiccup, we need to talk" he said search for me through the people. "Viggo, What is it" I asked as I walked over to him. "Hiccup, could we talk outside for a moment?" He asked as he started to walk towards the door. We walked outsid and found myself face to face with a skrill. "This was what I needed to show you, he seems to have tracked me down and came back to me" Viggo explained. Then Toothless came over and the Skrill lifted into the air holding Viggo in his talons again. "Toothless follow that skrill" I said jumping onto Toothless and flying after them

Viggo's pov

We had been flying for a very long time probably hours when we saw a crazy structure of ice and rock. The skrill flew me to a ledge on the ice that had a sort of tunnel leading inward. Hiccup landed beside me and immediately started walking over to it. "What are you doing?" I asked. "Being curious" He said and continued walking. I followed him and we walked through passages of ice until we came to a massive center chamber as big as three red deaths, probably more. It had geothermal springs and high pillers of dirt and stone. I heard Hiccup gasp beside me an then lightly nudges my shoulder. I look to him and the see where he is looking. It was another person dressed in dragon like armour petting a dragon I had never seen before.

Hiccup's pov

I was in shock and jumped on Toothless to fly over. Viggo was on Toothless too and we landed right beside the dragon person. We got off Toothless and the dragon person seemed to be staring at him. "Oh that's Toothless he's a nightfury" I said scratching the back of my neck. Then the dragon person looked at me and seemed to hesitate for a moment before looking at Viggo. They stood there for an unusually long amount of time and the slowly took off their helmet to reveal a woman with brownish hair that was starting to gray. I turned to Viggo who was now looking very surprised. "Viggo, what's going on?" I asked.

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Together again?

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Hey just wanted to say I made a Toothless coustume for my dog And I dressed as Hiccup

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Hiccup's pov

"Can someone please tell me what's going on here?" I asked the two who were now staring at each other. "It can't really be, your suppose to be dead" the woman said. "So are you" Viggo replied. "I'm Hiccup, how do you know Viggo?" I asked hoping I would finally get a response. "I already know who you are" she said. "How" I asked getting even more confused by the second. "Because she's your mother" Viggo said. *What! No she can't be..... can she? I thought she was dead.* "Hiccup, are you alright? She asked. "I....I need time to...eh..think" I managed to get out as I walked off. "Hiccup" she tried to call. "Give him time dear" I just about heard Viggo say.

I sat outside on the ice as the cold air blew through my hair. I looked down to see the waves of the sea slowly crashing against the rocks. Toothless nudged me with his head. "I know bud it's crazy, right I mean first Viggo now this?" I said almost expecting him to understand. He looked at me and made a little sound. "Your probably right, I should be happy to see her again but, she seems like a stranger" I continued. "And Viggo and Dad, I didn't think about that! Oh it's a mess Toothless" I realised. Then Viggo walked out and sat beside me. "Is everything alright?" He asked. "Crazy battles and daring escapes are more my area of expertise, not shocking revelations" I explained to him. "You sound a lot like me when I was younger" I looked at him. "Yes, I was more reckless as a teenager, well things change. You're just lucky that the changes are for the better" Viggo said to me. I don't know how but that made it better. "Thanks, that helped" I said. "Now you should talk to your mother, she has a lot to tell you" he said getting up.

I walked back into the ice mountain. She was nowhere to be seen.
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"Maybe she's over by the lake" I thought out loud. That's when I saw it. It was a dragon the size of a mountain, it was spiked and majestic. It blew a small fog of ice at me and my hair turned a bit white. "He likes you" the woman? my mom? Valka? said as I brushed the frost out of my hair. "Oh, wow what sort of dragon is that?" I said shocked and amazed. "This is the Bewilderbeast, The King Of Dragons" She said. "He keeps all the dragons safe" she added. "That's incredible" I managed to say trying to comprehend. This alone must be the size of at least 3 Red Deaths! "I'm sorry Hiccup" she then said. I looked at her. "I should have come back to you, I shouldn't have left you and your father" she continued. "You didn't choose to leave, mom, you were taken away , it's not your fault" I tried to console her. "But here I feel I'm meant to be" she said seeming not hearing me. "I understand you more then you could know" I say hoping she will listen. "I spent my life wanting to be like the other vikings but then I found Toothless and realised how wrong that was".

"Hiccup, Valka, this dragon won't stop following me!" Viggo said as he walked towards us with the skrill behind him. We couldn't hold back a little chuckle. "They say that skrills are very reserved creatures and don't normally befriend others, you must have a strong bond" Valka said. "That's strange, Viggo's only interaction with the skrill was saving it a day ago" I explained. "Well, there's been one other time I saw the skrill" he replied. "When?" I asked. "A few days after we had been talking And what you said about dragons was still stuck in my head, my crew saw the skrill but I stoped them from fireing by saying it was to dangerous" he told us. "So that's why some of your men suspected you switched sides" I realised. "I'm sorry, could someone please tell me what your talking about? We talked for ages about adventures and then I realised how dark it was.

"It's getting pretty dark" I said. "What is there a problem?" Valka asked. "Well my friends will probably be looking for us, they worry sometimes" I explained to her. "For a good reason, you can't stay out of trouble" Viggo said. We all laughed a bit. "Hiccup's probably right, we should go, you could come with us?" Viggo asked hopefully. "I can't leave at the drop of a helmet, I have responsibilities here" she said almost laughing. "Well, we will

definitely visit you again as soon as we can" Viggo said happily. He hesitated for a second staring at her then got on Toothless. "I don't want to say goodbye, I didn't even get to the first time but I promise after this I will be in your life" she said to me a tear in her eye as she put a hand on my cheek. "I know...Mom" I replied and then set off on Toothless.

Small things

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So I just introduced Lulu (my dog) to Toothless. She doesn't seem to happy.😂 back to the story.

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but that's not exactly true" I replied as I thought about what Viggo had said about Johann. "Things will get better, they always do, why do and why do I feel like you're forgetting something" she said. Then I remembered about Valka. I told Astrid everything. "Well you better tell your father, I can't imagine how happy he'll be!" She said then gave me a quick kiss. "Goodbye Astrid" I waved as I left.

Viggo's pov

I woke up and looked around the room. Drawings were strewn across the small slanted table. I walked over and looked at the drawings out of curiosity. They were all seemed to be inventions that he had come up with. Then I looked over to the edge of the table and half hidden under pages was a picture of a girl. It was Astrid! I gave a little smile as I decided to walk down the stairs. Oh to be young and in love. Then I stoped on the stairs, Valka. "Morning, Viggo" Stoick said to me. "Oh, good morning Stoick, thank you for the hospitality, I know things are a bit weird ever since I changed sides" I replied. "If you want breakfast you'll have to wait a bit, Goobers not here yet" he said almost ignoring what I said. I thought should I tell him yet?

Then Hiccup walked through the door. "Hiccup, where did you stay last night?" Stoick asked. "Oh, just in eh in the arena" he said slightly blushing and scratching the back of his head. Obviously lieing. "Gobber will be here any minute and then we can all eat" he told him. My and Hiccup must have been thinking similar things because we looked at each other expectantly. Then who I assumed to be Gobber burst through the door which made Hiccup jump. A few minutes later we were all sat at the small table eating. I quickly came up with a way that nither of us would have to tell Stoick. "You know, me and Hiccup found a extremely interesting ice feature on an island and was wondering if you would want to see it too" I said. "That actually sounds pretty interesting, I might take you up on that offer" he replied. "Oh, yeah, that, thanks Viggo I almost forgot" he added surprisingly unconvincingly.

The following day we were flying back towards the direction of the icy island with Viggo with me on Toothless. "Hey I feel kinda bad for lieing to him" Hiccup said in a low tone. "Yes but neither of us were going to be able to break the news, this way he gets to see her

too"I explained to him. I still can't believe that Valka, my wife is back. How will things work with both me and Stoick? Just as soon as I started thinking, we approached the island. We soon landed and began to walk around. We went into the main area and saw her. She got up and turned around. "I know what you're going to say Stoick, how could I leave you for all these years?" She started. "I could I let you raise Hiccup by yourself, I'm sorry Stoick, I was wrong, I realised that now" she says. Then Stoick walked over and kissed her.

Hiccup's pov

After we sat down to eat some food and while it wasn't that good mom and dad did sing and dance together. They seemed so happy but I couldn't help noticing that Viggo didn't seem to be. "Are you.... ok, Viggo?"I asked. He looked at me for a second. "I don't have a reason not to be, I found out my wife is alive after almost two decades" he said obviously not happily. "Viggo, I know it doesn't seem like it but, we're friends now so if you have anything you want to say, I will gladly listen" I replied as I looked back at my parents. "Hiccup, you're a good kid" he responded.

The plan (+update)

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Viggo's pov

We were on the icy island when I remembered something. "And that's how I convinced your mother to spend the week on vacation with me" Stoick cheerfully told his story. "Hiccup, I don't want to ruin this moment or anything but every moment we are here, Johann could be planing and preparing an attack" I whispered to him. "You have a point, dad, mom we need to talk" he said. "There is a man hunting dragons out there, Johann is hunting dragons and we need to stop him" I explained. "We should get the riders for help" Hiccup suggested. "Valka, will you come with us this time?" I asked her. She nodded and then turned to Toothless and Stoick's dragon.

At The Edge

Hiccup's pov

We landed at the clubhouse and I went straight to Astrid's hut. "Astrid, are you here?" I asked as I walked in. "Hey Hiccup; what's going on?" She replied. "Planning to attack Johann" I simply said as I started walking towards the clubhouse. She followed as we walked back to the clubhouse where the rest of the riders were. "So what's the plan?" The twins asked. "We are going to sneak in while you all distract them by trying to attack from the obvious direction " Viggo explains pointing to me and himself. "That's seems unsafe, what if something bad happens, then it's just you two" Astrid objected. "That's the thing Astrid, this time there will be loads of us so they wouldn't notice if only one is missing" I told her. She stood there for a second before saying "Ok but if anything goes wrong, promise me you will get out of there ok?". "Of course Astrid" I replied and then turned to look at the rest of the gang. "Remember, we don't know anything about Johann so keep your guard up"

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expect to see me till the holidays start sorry
Bye bye little butterflies

The Attack

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Just wanted to share some art I found!
I literally wrote this in one day sorry if it's not great I just needed to get back to writing so I updated early

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Hiccup's pov

We were all sitting on our dragons in the cool night as we looked down at the small island. "Hiccup, I'm still not sure about this, we don't know Johann like we thought we did. What if he is expecting this?" Astrid asked again. "What's wrong Astrid, you don't normally get so anxious?" I asked as the last of the sun disappeared under the horizon. "We'll talk later, alone" she said and quickly looked away. Viggo was also on Toothless as the skrill was untrained and didn't want to be ridden yet. "Ok everyone, let's move" I announced to the riders and Berk team.

The others began their attack and we waited a few minutes before sneaking in. We landed on the far side of the island, it was very bare with nothing but cages and barracks. "Hiccup, I must warn you that Johann is quite cunning so it would be wise to stay alert" Viggo whispered as we walked through the empty buildings. Just then we heard a voice and ducked behind the nearest wall. "Is He sure they would do that? It looked like all of them were attacking" a hunter said. "I'm not sure but I wouldn't dare cross Johann, the last person to do that was never seen again" another hunter said. We waited for a few moments until they were far enough away. "All clear" I whispered and continued walking to the centre of the base. Suddenly I felt a tugging on my arm and flew back. "Hey, What was" I asked before Viggo shushed me. I heard footsteps pass.

"Now it is safe" he said and started walking again. "Thanks Viggo, that was close" I said happily. "I'm just shocked at how light you were" he remarked. We continued walking with the occasional guard but eventually reached the obvious centre of operations. "Ok so sneak in and then use a fire signal, got it" I said reminding myself
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of what the plan was. "You and your riders tend to sneak around" Viggo said a bit weary of the situation.

"To bad you won't get used to it a threatening voice came from behind us. We turned around to see Johann. He was nothing like the normal jolly adventure loving trader I had come to know. He was angry but content, insane yet thoughtful. "Johann, why did you do this, what did Berk ever do to you?" I asked as I stood firmly looking at him. "Oh Hiccup, you always did see the best in people, you were the easiest to fool" he said almost sounding cordial. Toothless let our a growl as I backed away. "You were on Berk so much throughout those five years, did we teach you nothing" I asked pleadingly. "Hiccup, it's no use, some people don't change" Viggo tried to reason. "Hiccup you look for the good in everyone but you never stop to think that you are in the wrong" Johann said. "Don't you try and act innocent, you are the reason so many dragons have been hunted, we risk life and limb to protect them!" I raised my voice. Just then I snapped back to focus as I saw his eyes narrow. "Lock them up" he orders to hunters that appeared from the bushes.

We ran and ran. "Hiccup, what in the name of Odin where you doing back there?" Viggo asked as we ran alongside Toothless. "I I'm sorry Viggo, I let my emotions get the better of me" I said as I thought. This rarely happens, I knew the rage I felt wasn't just for Johann, some of the things I said were things Viggo did. "It's best if we split up, "I will meet you on the south shore in fifteen minutes, if I'm not there leave without me" Viggo recommended. "Are you sure we can't just use Toothless to fly out of here?" I asked. "Positive, some of those hunters are the most skilled archers they have, they could shoot a Changwing from a mile away" he explained. "Just don't get caught, the last thing we need is another rescue mission" I said jokingly. He nodded and then turned off to the left somewhere.

Me and Toothless ran towards the coast when we saw an axe fly right in front of us. Toothless grabbed it and I continued running. I looked back over my shoulder in time to see a hunter release an arrow from his bow. I quickly changed direction and continued running. Toothless held the axe up as if wanting me to take it. I grabbed hold of it as I ran. Just then a steep slope appeared and I

tumbled down it. "Toothless, You there bud?" I said as I looked back up at the ledge. Suddenly I heard another arrow and turned around. The arrow miraculously hit off the axe. I let out a sigh as as I looked back up at the hunter, he was about to shoot another arrow. I ran right at him axe held high and chopped the bow in half. He looked at the half bow in his hands and then ran away.

Then I heard a blast behind me. I turned around and saw Toothless had shot a hunter. "Thanks bud, you are the best" I said as I kept walking. "Wait, how many hunters followed us?" I asked and suddenly heard an arrow flying right towards me. It just about grazed my arm knocking off my shoulder protector. Toothless quickly shot at him and looked at me sadly. "It's fine bud, just a scratch" I reassured him and continued on at a quicker pace. After a few more minutes of walking we had reached the beach. "Looks like we're out of the woods" I said to Toothless.

We waited for Viggo and he showed up. "Ok let's go" I said. We got on Toothless and started flying away. "Hiccup Wait, we should fly right into the center!" He said. "But that would be suicide" I replied. "Exactly he would never expect it" he explained. I thought about it and realised. "No, he knows that's what we would think of next, he has learnt how we react to situations" I said "we'll find something else just not today". We took one last look at the island then shot a signal fire in the air. All the riders and I went home to get some rest and make a new plan in the morning.

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Slowing down

Hiccup's pov

I was pacing in my hut thinking of a plan when Astrid walked in. "Hiccup is everything ok, you seem a bit stressed" she asked as she sat on the chair beside my desk. "I'm not stressed, just unsure of what to do" I replied. "You need to take some time away from all the plans and battles, your mother would love to spend time with you and so would Viggo, Johann isn't going to somehow get rid of dragons in one day" she explained. I stood for a few moments looking into her blue eyes. I sighed as I walked out of the hut with her behind. "She is in the clubhouse" she said before jumping on Stormfly.

I walked into the clubhouse and saw my Mother siting on a chair talking to Viggo. "Hiccup, just the person I wanted to see, you may have shown me how things work on the edge but I never showed you what we do on the island!" She said as she walked over to me. "I would love to but me and Viggo are trying to come up with new ideas to stop Johann" I explained. "I just saw my son again for the first time in decades, I'm going to spend time with him" she said sternly before walking out of the clubhouse. I followed her as she stood on a dragon called Cloudjumper. We flew for a short yime and arrived on a island with beautiful orange and red leaves and white bark. "Wow this is beautiful" I said in aw as we dodged through the trees that stretched high into the sky.

We got out of the woods and saw a big wooden base. "I'm assuming that's *not* what you were talking about?" I asked. "No, those trappers are getting close to the Alpha's sanctuary" she answered. "I don't know about you but blasting some hunters is a great bonding experience in my opinion" I said and dove down on Toothless as he shot at two catapults. I looked back to see Mom wavering her staff around. Just then the earth seemed to shake and the water shifted, before I could look away the massive bewilderbeast was there charging up a blast. We quickly got away from where he was aiming and saw ice materialise as he shot at the buildings. "Well,

that would make things easier I suppose" I joked as she come over to me. "You got your fathers humor alright!" She said as she looked at the icy base. I wondered who she was referring to. "Oh look it's almost midday, Viggo wanted to spend time with you too" she said.

We arrived back at the edge and Viggo had a maces and talons board set out and was drinking some water. "Viggo why do you have a maces and talons board?" I asked as I sat down across from him. "Well to play of course, real life was never as thrilling as a sit down game of this" he replied. We sat down and played as we moved pieces to and fro we talked. "You and Astrid make quite the team, you have been together for quite a while" he said with a smirk. He moved one of his pieces and managed to win. "Wow that's impressive, I'm glad your not as good at real life maces and talons!" I said changing the subject. "It's all about keeping all of your pieces and options in mind" he explained as he pointed at one of the pieces "This piece distracts you while I make the others slowly creep towards the goal". "That's a lot easier when you can see all the options" I said as I turned to look at the fire. "You seem to think me and Astrid are a pretty good match huh?" I asked. "You are smart but also a derringer-do and Astrid full of valour but hotheaded" you work well. "Is it a hobby of yours to notice everything about people?" I asked jokingly. "Your right, this would be a good time to....."

"Hiccup, can we talk for a moment?" Astrid asked as she walked in. Viggo nodded and walked outside. "What is it Astrid, is everything ok?" I questioned. "Hiccup, I don't know how to ask this, I'm not even sure if I'm supposed to ask you but, Hiccup will you...Marry me?" She asked as she looked at me with her sky blue eyes. I was a bit taken aback because I didn't expect her to ask. "I mean if you don't want to that's fine....I just thought maybe" I cut her off "Astrid I'd love to marry you, I was just surprised is all" I said then kissed her. "Well you should probably go talk to Viggo and tell him the news" she said exitedly. I stood there looking at her for a few seconds as she walked out of the room.

Viggo walked back in and sat back down. "Viggo, you won't believe what just happened!" I exclaimed. "What is it Hiccup?" He asked as I sat back down. "Well this might be a bit shocking but Astrid

proposed to me and I said yes!" I said a smile spreading across my face. At first it just seemed like a fact but now I was realising that it had actually happened. "Astrid proposed, I'm almost not surprised" he said with a smirk. "Congratulations Hiccup" He said. "Thanks Viggo But I should probably tell the others!" I said as I rushed out the door looking for anyone else to tell the news. Just then I bumped into Astrid. "Oh hi finance" she said cheerfully in that way people say new relationship titles whenever they get them. "Hi Astrid, I know we aren't really supposed to give betrothal gifts until a day has passed but I can't wait.

"Hey guys what you doin out here?" Snotlout asked as he walked up to us. "Nothing Snotlout" I mumbled as I stared at him angrily. "Ok I can see I'm unwanted" he said and walked off sounding rather offered. "Astrid did you ask?" Heather asked as she ran over to Astrid from Thor knows where. Astrid looked at me nervously. "It's fine Astrid we've waited our whole lives, we can wait a day more" I said as I placed the copper coin back in my satchel before she saw.

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The calm and the Storm

Hiccup's pov

I woke with a start. I looked around the room and saw Toothless looking at me angrily. I must have woke him up, I think as I get up. "Come on Toothless today will be the day we make a plan" I said confidently. He looked at me as if to say a sarcastic "sure". I walked over to the clubhouse as I smelt the sea water. I walk in and found a cup of water as I noticed no one was there. I continued drinking as I started thinking about yesterday. Just then I spit the water out as a shocking thought popped into my head. Had I been dreaming, I couldn't have! I couldn't ask someone because they would think I'm insane regardless of the answer. Just then Astrid walked in as I tried to regain composure. "Good morning Hiccup, is it just me or is the sun just brighter today?" She asked strangely. "I guess, how are you Astrid" I asked back as I began to clean the water up.

Viggo walked in an took a seat at the table. "Good morning Astrid, Hiccup, I hope we can figure out a plan today" he said oddly cheerfully. "Hiccup, yesterday you said you wanted to give me something" she said. I looked in my satchel and saw the coin like object. I gave a small sigh at the certification that I wasn't dreaming. "I think it's best if we wait 48 hours" I said and she pulled me in for a hug. "I need to go patrol the island, see you later Hiccup" she said as she left giving me a quick peck on the lips.

"Hiccup I'm curious, what is your betrothal gift for Astrid?" He asked as he drank some water. "It's something my father gave me, he had given it to my mother but when she was carried away by dragons she threw it to him" I said as I pulled it out of my satchel. He looked carefully looked at the coin like object. "You should add some way for her to ware it, perhaps on a belt of as a necklace" he suggested. "That's not a bad idea Viggo" I said "Viggo, What did *you* give me mom?". He looked at the object and then me "I gave her a rare gemstone that reflected light like a rainbow she got it turned into a ring" he said.

Suddenly we heard a explosion from outside. We ran out to see, it was Johann and a fleet of ships. There were dozens of singetails in the sky and shocking there were people riding them. "Did you know about this?" I asked Viggo as he looked at the scene before him. "No ,never would I have anticipated that this would happen" he replied as we looked around to see the others flying over to us. "Hiccup where did they come from?" Snotlout asked looking at the singetails. "I don't know but those riders are definitely with Johann" Viggo said as Valka and Stoick appeared. "Where's Astrid?" Valka asked. "I don't know she had just gone on patrol" I responded nervously "she would have come straight back here!". "Ok, Ruff, Tuff you go with my mom and dad to stop the singetail riders, try not to hurt them ok" "the rest of you attack the ships, I'm going to fined Astrid" I told everyone getting on Toothless. "Hiccup what should I do?" Viggo asked as the others flew off. "There are giant of gronkel iron in the clubhouse, find them and cover the buildings" I explained and then shot off into the air.

Astrid's pov

I had just left for potrol when I saw a hunter ship that was getting close to the island. I flew over to it. "The boats empty! This seems suspicious, what do you think Stormfly?" I asked. Suddenly a fireball flew from behind us knocking Stormfly out of the sky. "Are you ok girl?" I asked. I looked at her wing. Although her scales were fireproof it was scorching hot. She tried to flap her wing but screeched in pain. "It's fine girl ,don't hurt yourself more" I said and looked around for what dragon might have shot at us. The sky was empty so I looked around the boat. "How are we going to get off this boat girl?" I asked her as I sat in defeat beside her. She once again tried to flap her wings. "It's fine, there are no hunters on this boat so we have all the time we need" I reassured her.

Ruffnut's pov

My brother and I were chasing after a singetail when it shot at us with its tail. "That is so cool!" Tuffnut remarked before dodging it. "I know right" I responded. Stoick flew past us and simply gave us a disapproving look. "Right, in it chief" Tuff said with a salute. "These guys are pretty good, I wonder who their trainer is" I remarked "barf, belch, light it up!" We exclaimed together as the gas the hunter was flying through exploded awesomely. "How could they

capture so many, these hunters really are barbaric" Valka comment trying to evade one's attacks on cloudjumper.

Snotlout's pov

I burned the sails of one ship as Fishlegs fired at another. "You guys are nothing compared to the snot man!" I announced as hookfang combust into flames and walked across another ship. "Don't gloat too much Snotlout, we still have a lot of ships to stop" Fishlegs shouted over as Meatlug let down a waterfall of hot rock. "I could fight a whole fleet by myself" I replied and Hookfang waked a horn at my helmet.

Hiccup's pov

I started going eastwards as that was how Astrid normally began patrol. "I hope she didn't get captured, who knows how cruel Johann could be compared to Viggo" I said to Toothless in hopes of keeping my mind off worse thoughts. A short while later we spited a lone boat not far from the shore. We flew quickly over to investigate and landed on the empty deck of the boat. I heard the faint sound of footsteps below deck and slowly made my way over to the entrance. I slowly opened it as it creaked and lowered myself down. The moment my feet touched the ground I heard some sort of mechanism. Continuing on I come to a room similar to those on most hunter ships but this was different. The normally open entranceway at each end was replaced with cage-like cell doors. I looked at the door and tried to move it to no avail. I tried to get back out through the entrance but found it was now locked. "Well done Hiccup, you found your way into one of our traps" an ominous voice came from the other side of the door. It was a voice I knew well and even with the new sinister tone I couldn't help but question why Johann was so confident.

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Mad Dash

Astrid's pov

I sat with Stormfly when I heard footsteps coming up onto deck. I quickly looked for somewhere to hide and walked over to the cargo hold helping Stormfly on the way. I managed to close it just as I saw someone appear on deck. I gave a sigh as I looked out lifting the door of the cargo hold just enough to see. Johann stood there talking to a hunter on a dragon! "Where is Astrid you can't just loose a dragon and it's rider" Johann's voice said clearly annoyed. I closed the door a bit more as he talked to a hunter. "Sir, She isn't with the riders either" a third voice came. "Then perhaps this can still work" he said once again and then ordered his troops to "get in position". I looked at Stormfly nervously "I don't know what they're playing but it doesn't sound good!" I whispered to myself. I heard them go back below deck but then heard another sound like a dragon landing on deck. I had no way of knowing if it was another hunter or a rider so I decided to stay there until they would leave.

Hiccup's pov

I looked at Johann through the dirty green bars as he smirked. "Where is Astrid?" I asked first. "I would be more worried about myself if I were you" he responded. "Well we aren't all heartless dragon killers" I retorted. "Astrid's safe for now but one wrong move and, well I don't need to explain the rest" he said threateningly. "Toothless, where is Toothless?" I asked glancing back at the door I left Toothless at. "Don't worry about your dragon, he's already on a ship headed straight for an auction" he added. "I'm not like Viggo, I don't care who I have to kill to get what I want, you are no exception Hiccup soon enough the archipelago will be rid of you and those dragon riders" he explained. I tried to keep a plain face but I was worried. If he had Astrid I couldn't take any risks but I didn't have time to be careful because Toothless could be gone forever. "Don't worry to much Hiccup you'll all be dead soon anyway" he said leaving. His voice was like a chilling breeze in the winter and I felt a shiver down my spine as he left.

Astrid's pov

I sat there with Stormfly and listened to hunters occasionally walk on deck and back below again. "Make sure he doesn't escape and find Astrid, she is a fearless warrior and I don't want such a minor inconvenience ruining our entire mission" the distinct voice of Johann said not to far from where I was. I froze as I heard him walk away and then let out a sigh. I pushed the door open slightly and looked for any hunters. They must have been talking about Hiccup or one of the riders or Hiccup's dad, I thought as I looked at the door to below deck. Lucky I had recognised the guard pattern from all the sitting and listening so I waited for the guard to start walking back to the door and dashed for the first bit of cover. Then just before the next giar comes out I ran and hid behind the big timber pillars on each side of the door. The next guard came out and didn't see me so I quickly slipped inside.

It was surprisingly empty with one hunter standing guard at a door that normally lead to the cage room. If I knocked out the hunter the other hunter or Johann could come back before I saved whoever was captured. I heard the footsteps of the other hunter and dodged behind some barrels. The hunter instead of standing by the door like the other sat on a sideways barrel and sharpened his axe. I had figured out the plan, I would wait for the other guard and sneak as close to the door as I can while staying hidden then wait for the other hunter and just sneak into the room. So I did just that, slowly walking towards the door behind barrels and boxes and then getting through the door undetected.

Hiccup's pov

I stood there looking at the bars. They were attached to the walls the same way as other hunter ships. Just then Astrid slipped in the door and smiled when she saw me. "Astrid you're ok" I said pointing out the obvious. "I'm just glad you're ok" she said and began examining the room. "Astrid do you have your daggers?" I asked as I looked at the hinges of the bars. "Of course Hiccup but the couldn't cut through dragon proof bars" she said bewildered. "Not the bars, the hinges, Viggo showed me" I said and pointed to the places where the bars were connected to the boat's wall. She handed one of the daggers to me and started using the other to chip at the wood around where I had pointed. Soon enough the bars fell to the

ground. We snuck back to where Astrid had been hiding and on the way I thought I saw the skrill. "So now we can only wait" I said as I looked at Stormfly's wing. It would heal but it wasn't going to be quick. It was a small injury but she probably wouldn't be able to fly for a few hours. I sighed in defeat and sat close to Astrid, happy to see her safe

Viggo's pov

I had managed to put up the gronkle iron without any of the huts taking to much damage from catapult fire or dragon fire. I looked over at the skrill as he landed. He moved around and looked off to the sky. "What are you trying to tell me dragon?" I asked looking at the unusual sight. Then he lay down and looked at his back as if asking me to get on. I slowly walked over to him and got on his back. He took off into the air and followed the coast of the island for a short while before a hunter boat came into view. "Why is there a boat over here" I asked myself as he landed. Astrid and Hiccup walked over to me from the cargo hold. "Viggo, thank the gods you're here" Hiccup said. They explained everything to me and we quickly got off the boat with all three of us on the skrill's back and he carried Stormfly to a nearby beach. "I should stay with Stormfly Hiccup, you better hurry, I saw another ship headed east That's you best bet" she told him and jumped off to go over to her dragon.

Hiccup's pov

"Viggo we need to get to that ship" I told him. "Posthaste" He said and the skrill took off once more but before we went after the ship it quickly shot at the ship Johann had been on. The skrill flew as quickly as possible and the boat came into view after a long while. The skrill dived down and slowly flew over the boat so we jumped off. I looked around and saw weapons but they were far away from me. "Take this" Viggo said and quickly handed a dagger to me. I looked at it and realised it was the same dagger he threw into the water when we fought Ryker. "How did you get this back?" I asked but he was already fighting off some of the hunters. I looked at the hunters coming towards me and quickly blocked the axe of a hunter. Then he got hit with lightning and I looked to see the skrill helping as much as he could. I continued on making my way to where Toothless would be. As I fought off another hunter I saw he had keys on his belt. I quickly dodged his next attack and grabbed

the keys.

I ran to the door and locked it behind me. I walked through the room looking at each of the dragons and freeing them. Toothless wasn't there. I frantically try to think of where else he could be. I run back up onto deck and see Viggo managing to fight off the hunters. He glanced over to me and I gestured with my head towards the captain quarters. He nods and I dodge around most of the hunters. I try opening the door but it's locked! I here footsteps right behind me and duck. I look up to see an axe firmly stuck in the door. "Thanks" I say jokingly to the hunter as I trip him up and grab the axe. I start chopping away at the door and see Toothless inside. "Hiccup watch out" Viggo shouts and I turn to see a hunter almost fall right on top of me. I quickly jump through the door an find myself in an empty captain cabin. "Hey bud, lets get that muzzle off" I say as I take it off. Toothless then shot at his restraints and freed himself.

"Argh"

"Viggo!?" I said turning around in surprise. Toothless blasted the door and we ran out to see what was happening. I looked at Viggo and to my shock and horror an arrow was sticking straight out of his back. The skrill jumped in front of him and blazed a circle on the deck to keep the hunters at a distance. "Viggo quick get on Toothless" I say as run over to him and help him up. Suddenly I hear another noise but this time Viggo steps in the way of it. Another arrow. "Are you alright?" I ask as Toothless flys into the air with the skrill not too far behind. "Hiccup I am absolutely fine, don't" he coughs "worry about me" he says letting out another cough. "We have to get you back to Berk to see Gothi" I told him. "No Hiccup, you need to help the riders and Stoick and Valka. "Viggo you have two arrows in your back and Thor knows what other injuries I missed, you could die if I wait that long" I explained. "And your friends and family could die, Hiccup Johann is a threat more than I ever was, they need your guidance" he said calmly.

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Sacrifice(s)?

Hiccup's pov

As I sat there on Toothless with Viggo breathing unevenly behind me all I could think was the horrible mess of events that got us here. I also worried for Astrid who had been left with the hurt Stormfly on a beach not to far from Johann's ship. I worried for the riders who as far as I knew were still fighting the relentless waves of dragon flyers and ships that attacked the edge. I worried because this decision could be the difference between life and death. "We have to go back to the edge" I said still thinking about the two choices in my head. How I was now worried about the life of someone who I previously would almost have been happy to see die. I shuddered at the thought as I looked back at Viggo. He was weakened but still held that strong presence I had come to associate with him. We landed outside my hut and let him to rest on my bed. Of course before that I had to pull out the two arrows leaving two cuts . I bandaged them up as best I could but all that was left was to pray it was good enough to hold.

I left the hut and saw the endless seeming battle the riders, my mom and dad were a part of. I looked for Astrid who was thankful safe and helped Stormfly back to the edge as well. Astrid insisted and staying with me on Toothless but I knew Stormfly needed her. I decided to help fight off the ships with Fishlegs and Snotlout as their was less of them. The battle was hard to navigate between ships, enemy fire and even the friendly fire if you weren't carful. Toothless and I discovered a quick technique to sink ships which helped but as we fought the more endless Johann's troops seemed to be. I looked around hoping I could see a ship in the distance that was Johann's but every ship was exactly the same as the next. "Think Hiccup think" I said to myself as my eyes darted from one thing to the next. "Of course, Fishlegs gronkles are good with extreme heat right?" I asked in between plasma blasts. "I mean they are bolder class" he replied trying to sound cheerful. "I need you to do something crazy, I need you to check the volcano and see if the dragon eye survived" I told He and I saw the shocked expression on

his face. He opened his mouth to say something but knew we had spent to much time talking already so he flew off towards the island. Toothless clumsy dodged an arrow I didn't notice but I adjusted the tailfin back into position and we quickly set off towards more ships.

Fishlegs' pov

As Meatlug fluttered towards the volcano I thought about what hiccup had asked of me. He hadn't really expected the dragon eye to survive a volcano! On the other hand Viggo was living proof it was possible. Perhaps Hiccup hadn't had a good reason until now to check if his suspensions were true. We had been quite busy lately especially Hiccup. First Viggo is his dad then his mom shows up. It was odd to me how he seemed to be trying to ignore the first part. We reached the volcano and carefully looked around keeping a safe distance from the lava. "Why are we always near the volcano girl?" I asked rhetorically. Then I saw it sitting on a ledge near the edge of the lava. I poked it first to see if it was hot and surprisingly I could touch it safely. I picked it up and then asked Meatlug to get us out of the volcano. I decided to test it before I gave it to Hiccup. To my dismay it wouldn't work. With that I flew back to the battle and looked for Hiccup.

Hiccup's pov

As another ship sunk below the water I heard the flutter of Meatlug's wings. "Hiccup I found it! But it doesn't work" he said as he handed it over to me, which was a bit of a struggle considering we we're on dragons. "Perfect Fishlegs, better then perfect I'll be right back" I said as the pieces of my plan began to come together. Johann was definitely sure of what we would normally do but I wasn't going to give him the satisfaction of playing right into his hand. I found a white cloth to use as a surrender signal and soon enough I was face to face with Johann. "If I gave you the dragon eye would you call off the attack?" I asked him as I stood there. "I have no personal vendettas against any of you so yes but I can't be fooled that easily, I know it was destroyed" he said rather confidently. "Your wrong Johann" I took out the dragon eye "do we have a deal?" I asked. Soon after we were flying in two directions. Me, dad and mom decided to go to Berk with Viggo while Fishlegs brought Stormfly to defenders of the wing island with Astrid. Th

twins and Snotlout and the twins stayed at the edge to make sure Johann didn't just attack again.

"Hiccup, why did you give Johann the dragon eye?" Dad asked me. "I knew that's what he wanted and it doesn't work so I bought us time, he had so many ships and flyers that we could have been driven off our island otherwise" I told him. I was still thinking about my decision as we approached Berk. I thought about it as we landed and got gothi. I sat in the great hall and looked at people come and go. If that had been Dad or Astrid who had gotten hurt I don't think I would leave their side for a even a moment. I hadn't thought about it in a while, things had been hectic lately. I knew I hadn't bought much time with Johann and I had this horrible feeling that this was the start of a series of events that will have a tragic end.

Fluff break

Viggo's pov

I slowly blinked open my eyes and looked at where I was. I tried to sit up but felt sharp pains in my back. "Viggo, don't worry, I'm right here" Valka said as she sat down in a chair beside the bed. "Is everyone safe? Where are we?" I asked. "You're at the healers on Berk and no one is badly injured" she told me calmly. "Did we win?" I then asked feeling a tinge of uncertainty in the room. "Hiccup surrendered the dragon eye to save us all" she said "he said it wasn't working and was trying to buy some time" . I lay there for a second "They grow up so fast" I remarked. "Especially when you're not there to see them grow up" Valka replied. We sat looking in each others eyes then a short woman with a staff walked in and drew in the dirt on the floor. Valka blushed. "Gothi don't embarrass me like that" she almost whispered to the woman then cleared her throat as more was drawn and said to me "she just wants to check your wounds". Valka stayed in the room the entire time and explained everything that Gothi wrote.

Hiccup's pov

I had received a terrible terror mail from Astrid. It said that Stormfly was fine but it would take a few days to fully heal her wing. I sent back a terror mail saying I would visit her. Mom walked into the hall and waved over to me. "How is Viggo?" I asked fearing the worst. "He could be better but at least his wounds aren't infected" she replied. We started to walk out of the great hall as we talked. "I guess we can only hope he makes it, he's done so much for me" I said remembering when he helped find a cure to dragons bane and when he helped me realise how much I cared about Astrid (even though he wasn't exactly doing that intentionally). "I don't know what I'd do if we lost him" she mumbled. I felt a slight bit of uneasiness but shrugged it off. "Anyway I should go, I said I'd visit Astrid on defenders of the wing island" I said and got on Toothless. "Stay safe Hiccup" she said and I almost laughed at the thought of it. It's been ages since things have been safe for me or my friends. "Bye mom" I said and took off into the sky.

Astrid's pov

"Hey girl, how are you?" I asked Stormfly as I sat beside her. "Hiccup sent a terror mail, he said he's comes to the island" Fishlegs told me as he held up a piece of paper. "Fishlegs, I need your help" I hesitatingly asked him. "What is it Astrid?" He asked turning back to me. "Well it's just I was wondering if you had any ideas for....for a gift for Hiccup?" I asked embarrassed. "You don't have a gift! He's coming to give he to you right now!" He said stating the obvious "don't worry we'll find something". I got up and we went to find Mala who might have known about something on the island we could get.

Hiccup's pov

I arrived on the caldera island and saw Mala going about her normal business. "Mala, do you know where Astrid is?" I asked. "Hiccup... ah yes Hiccup she said that she needed to do something but in the meantime I was wondering if I could get your advice" she said but sounded like she had no clue what she was talking about. "Of course Mala, what's the problem?" I asked. "Well I, someone I used to know recently returned from far away and well I was wondering if you had any ideas on the best way to reintroduce myself" she asked as she walked through the village. "Did you get on well?" I asked unsure why Mala would specifically ask me. "No but I want more than anything to fix our relationship" she said. "Just try to start anew" I said wanting to see Astrid. "Speaking of relationships, you and Astrid got engaged, congratulations" she said. "Thank you, I just was hoping I could actually talk to my fiancée" I mumbled.

Astrid's pov

I had been searching and searching but couldn't find anything worthy to be my betrothal gift to Hiccup. I walked back to Mala defeated. I was glad I asked Mala to stall for me because Hiccup had arrived. I had failed. He would present a gift and I would have nothing for him. Would he even want to marry me after this! "Astrid, there you are, I wanted to talk to you alone" he said with a sigh of relief. "There's a beach on the west side of the island with the most beautiful sunset view" Mala suggested and soon enough we were there on the soft sand looking at the endless sea. "Astrid, you are the smartest, bravest and most amazing viking I know" he

started. I began to fill with dread but also happiness at what he said. "You have always been there for me, even in my darkest moments" he continued. I brought myself to look at his emerald green eyes and couldn't help but smile a bit as he looked back at me. "This was the gift that my father gave to my mother, he gave it to me so I could give it to you" he said holding up a belt charm and I finally couldn't hold back how I felt. "Hiccup, I.. I can't I" I started. "Well if you don't like it that's fine" he said awkwardly. "No, it's just, I didn't get you anything, I don't know what to get you! I'm sorry" I said meekly avoiding eye contact. "Astrid, you gave me the most amazing gift of all, just being here with you is all I could want" he said as his eyes met mine before pulling me in for an embrace which I quickly returned.

Defenders of the Wing

Hiccup's pov

I had stayed the night at Caldera Cay and was waiting for Astrid to wake up. Normally she would be awake hours ago and just back from a long flight with Stormfly but with Stormfly in her condition Astrid had no reason to do this. "Hiccup, you look like you just had your first night of sleep after the midnight sun" Fishlegs said as he walked over to me with Meatlug. "I guess I just sleep well when I'm happy" I replied casually. "You know Mala has been talking about Viggo ever since I told her he changed sides" Fishlegs said. "I always wondered if they had a past" I said looking over at her as she left one of the houses. "Good morning Fishlegs, Hiccup how are you two" she asked kindly. "We're great thanks Mala for letting Astrid and Fishlegs stay here while you heal Stormfly" I said grateful. "How is Viggo?" She asked rather abruptly. "He's fine at the moment but we aren't sure how bad the injuries he got were before he got help" I explained.

Astrid walked out of where she had been staying and after seeing me walked straight over. I began walking towards her so we were further away from the others. "Hiccup thanks for being here it really put my mind at ease" she said with a quick hug and a peck on the cheek. "I'm glad to hear that, I should leave soon I was just waiting to say goodbye" I said. "Your so thoughtful Hiccup, don't forget to tell us if anything happens on Berk" she said. "Of course Astrid, I hope Stormfly heals soon" I finally replied as I got on Toothless. "Goodbye Fishlegs and Mala" I waved and was off.

Viggo's pov

Lieing in the old room meant I had nearly nothing to think about. As I looked up at the wooden ceiling I tried to think of something to help pass the hours I was to spend here. I had hoped I could spend more time with Valka but she still had to care for the dragon sanctuary. Thinking of this reminded me of another dragon loving woman from my more recent past. I wondered what she would think about me now that I fight with the dragon riders instead of

against them. I still remember perfectly that first day we met.

Flashback

It was a cool evening but the sky was clear. As my boat cut through the sea I watched for the island. I had sent scouts days ago but they had not returned. "Island of the starboard bow" a hunter said as an island appeared over the horizon. Soon enough we had landed and split into groups to search the island. As we walked I head the others behind me. Then I heard only my two feet. I quickly turned to look for the others but saw only the trees and bushes. "Is some out there?" I asked the trees. "A dragon perhaps" I said to myself. I turned back around. There a young woman stood in front of me with a blade, the likes of which I had never seen before, held in my direction. "Who are you and what pray tell are you doing on my island?" The blonde haired maiden asked fiercely.

Even back then she was a formidable fighter. Mala had always been strong and sure of herself but back then she had a different air to her.

I stood there as her long, light hair flowed in the wind. "Who are you?" She asked again. "I'm sorry, we didn't know anyone lived on this island" I explained "my own island was attacked by dragons and we are trying somewhere to camp". She lowered the sword. "We will give your people refuge for the night and heal the injuries of those who need it" She said and we started walking. Later the sun was setting on the day. The sky was slightly cloudy and yellowish blue. "I don't know how I could ever thank you Mala" I said sitting there by the volcano. "We only hope that should we need help in the future you will be there for us" she replied and let out a content sigh.

I'm brought back to reality when Hiccup comes into the room. "Hiccup, How is Stormfall?" I asked. "Stormfly, stormfly is healing well" he said correcting me. "What about you Viggo, are you alright?" He then asked. "I don't understand a word that woman writes but I am to stay in bed for now" I told him and tried to reposition myself a bit. I look at Hiccup and can tell he's only here because he has to be. "Hiccup, Johann should have made his parry by now" I change the subject "does it not seem odd that we haven't heard from those twins or Snotlout?". Hiccup's face flooded with realisation. "Sorry Viggo, I should go" he said hurriedly and quickly left. Typical Hiccup.

First shot

Hiccup's pov

I hurried out of Viggo's room I thought about who could come with me to the edge. I quickly grabbed a terror mail and sent it to Fishlegs. It said to meet me at a sea stack near the edge. I looked at Toothless who gave me a sarcastic look. "Sorry bud, I know you've been flying a lot lately but we need to check the edge" I explained sadly. I decided to take my gronkle-iron shield. He gave a sort of nod and we took off.

I arrived on the sea stack to see Fishlegs already there. He looked panicked. "Hiccup you were right, he took over the edge and captured the twins and Snotlout!" He squeaked. I took out my spy glass and looked over at the edge. There were at least a dozen ships and I could see hunters walking around. "What do we do?" He asked. "With Stormfly and Viggo still hurt and Ruff,Tuff and Snotlout captured that leaves me, you, my mom and my dad" I said as I tried to think "this was his plan! Viggo must have know that the dragon eye could survive before he switched sides and so Johann used what we thought was a distraction for him to split us up". "Divide and conquer" Fishlegs agreed. "He's outsmarted us to the point where we didn't even know it" I muttered.

I paced back and forth. Ever since we found out about Johann it had been a constant battle. I normally have a plan but he keeps predicting my ever move. Not to mention I don't have time to think of something different. "Ok Fishlegs, what would I do in a situation like this?" I asked as an idea came to my head. "Well you would probably attack from the east and attack the hunters then sink the ships" he said. "Exactly, that's exactly what I'm NOT going to do" I said triumphant. Fishlegs looked at me with a confused look on his face. "You would need to have a death wish to do what you're thinking" he said obviously reading my mind. "It would be if it weren't for the fact that he is positioning some hunters to the east!" I told him as I passed the spy glass to him. "We fly low and burn the ships, we can send a terror mail for my mom and dad, then we will

all attack the hunters and get Snotlout and the twins back" I explained. He gave me a nod and then we started the plan.

We waited for the sun to disappear from the sky and then me and Toothless snuck in under the cover of night. We flew low, barely skimming the water. "Make the first one count" I whispered as we approached the closest ship. He shot at the hull just above the water and it burned a big hole. As the water started flooding into the ship we here some hunters on the docks react. I gave Toothless a head pat as he lands another perfect hit on another ship. This time the shot was bright and explosive looking. As Toothless fires another normal blast I see Fishlegs flying in. We can only pray to the gods that my parents get here in time. Another shot from Toothless. I here the whoosh of an arrow and quickly grabbed my shield from my back. I heard the clink of a few arrows.

Was that aimed at me? I thought as I noticed where the arrows had hit the shield. Toothless and I zipped through the ships to avoid fire and tried to sink the remaining ships. I could hear Meatlug and Fishlegs firing shot at hunters up by the dome. Another few arrows flew our direction. "Toothless, watch out" I said and he just managed to avoid them. The ships were very close together and I almost felt claustrophobic as we twisted and turned to get through the ships. It was hard to tell if I had shot every ship as some of them sunk faster than others. It didn't help that it was now pitch black, at least Toothless had echolocation. I tried to use my ears to hear what was going on.

I could hear the powerful shots that Skullcrusher produced and the strong but quiet blasts of cloudjumper, the dragon Valka normally kept with her. I had to trust Toothless to navigate to each of the ships and I did but the night brought a chill and I felt a shiver go down my spine. I could tell that arrows were fired at us in a weak attempt to stop us because the dark blurs were thin and speed past as Toothless masterfully avoided them. I was almost blinded by the sudden rush of bright orange, yellow and red light that appeared at where I could only guess was our small dock. Once the familiar sound of the arrows reached my ears. I watched on as one was blown out by the wind and it's own movement while another hit my shield. Another landed in the dark water and the final one hit

directly in the center of Toothless' prosthetic tail. I turned to get a better view of it and felt a sharp pain all across the left side of my head. I quickly put a hand up to it as a natural reaction then turned to look where the arrows had come from.

Johann stood on the dock with a malicious look. "Toothless you have to land, that tail won't last long!" I said nervously looking back at the flaming tail. He landed on the walkway down to the dock and I grabbed an axe that a hunter dropped. With Toothless by my side we worked our way down to where Johann had stood in hopes of stopping him. As I expected by the time we reached the end of the short dock he had already vanished. My head stung and I could feel the wetness of blood begin to make its way down my face. "We got Snotlout!" Fishlegs shouted and a section of the sky combusted into flames. "We're fine too!" I heard Ruffnut call and soon after I heard the bang of an explosion. We dealt with the rest of the hunters and all reconvened at the dome.

Aftermath

Hiccup's pov

Stormfly had fully recovered so she and Astrid had rushed over to the edge. We were standing in the dome and looked out the huts. The night mixed with the distraction of fighting the hunters stopped us from realising. "Are they?" Astrid began but stopped herself. As our eyes became more adjusted to the light we saw them. Our huts were burnt almost to a crisp. "Everyone check your huts for whatever survived" I tell them and look over to Astrid and then to her hut. The outer layer of her hut was made out of metal so I expected hers to be unscathed. As my eyes hovered over the spot where it normally perched I saw the stilts it sat on. They were scorched and the hut wasn't on top of them. I could see that her hut had been smashed to pieces and fell in the ocean by the bits of debris in the direction of the water. "Astrid, I'm sorry I should have realised sooner" I said placing a sympathetic hand on her shoulder. "It's fine I just need to be alone" she said and shrugged off the hand. She got on Stormfly and flew off.

I walked through the ruins of my hut. The roof was completely gone along with the cloth wall. The tallest part was the furnace which was the same as always. Some of my inventions were badly damaged while others where close to fine. I let out a sigh and turned around. Astrid stood there at the hole where the door would be. "Hiccup, can we talk?" She asked. "Of course Astrid, you can always talk to me" I responded as I walked over to her. "Well I'm sorry for acting so cold earlier, I just don't do well when it comes to emotions" she said apologetically. "I understand, you loved designing that hut" I said. "You know it's gonna take a lot of resources to rebuild everything and my hut used metal walls" she started. "Astrid you could stay with me...if you want" I suggested and took a step towards her. "Really Hiccup?" She asked "thank you". She hugged me happily and we decided to see how the others were holding up.

We all talked at the remains of the clubhouse. "We should go after

him and show him what a bunch of angry dragon riders can do!" Snotlout shouted. "No we need to rebuild" Fishlegs said. "What's the point?" Tuff said. "Let's move back to Berk!" Ruff added. Astrid threw her axe into the already crumbling table "let hiccup speak". "Thank you Astrid, we can't go after Johann because he's gone, disappeared into the night, even Toothless couldn't find him" I answered Snotlout. "We should start by rebuilding so we have somewhere to stay that's close to where Johann's base is" I continued in reply to Ruff and Tuff. "We need to bed down for the night, try to pick a shelter spot" I said finally. "Hiccup you could use the debris from your hut to lean against the floor of your loft to make a small room" Astrid suggested. I simply took her hand and we walked to my hut to start working.

Later in the night we snuggled up under a blanket that survived the fire. "Thank the gods that 6 blankets where left safe in the stables" Astrid said with her arm around me. "One not enough" I said. "Just the right amount" she replied. I let out a chuckle, "That makeshift wall worked surprisingly well" I remarked. "Well I was the one to come up with it" she responded "and you're good at making things.....even walls".we talked s bit more until Astrid fell asleep. "Goodnight Astrid" I whispered and gave her a kiss on the forehead before succumbing to sleep myself.

The next morning we sat in the clubhouse and talked. "So you and Astrid stayed in your hut, me and Tuffnut stayed together and Snotlout and Fishlegs were in the latter's hut" Ruffnut said looking around at us. "We know where Johann's base is but we can't attack it so no opinions there" Astrid said ignoring the previous comments. "We need to get the advantage but how?" Fishlegs explained obviously. "Hiccup, me and your mother wish we could stay but I have duties and so does she" My dad said before giving a big goodbye and flying off with Valka. "We should just fight them, I don't understand how you always overthink these things, this isn't chess, this is fighting" Snotlout added. "Thanks Snotlout, i'll be sure to take that on board" I sarcastically replied as I finally jumped into the conversation. "We have to be careful now, we can't just do what I wouldn't anymore but we also can't do what I would either" I explained placing my hands an the burnt table. "No, now we have to be smart, we need Viggo" I told them and regretted my decision

to place my hands down. I glanced down at my hands and they were covered in a thin black layer of dust. "Now" I said brushing my hands on my trouser legs. "Everyone we need to rebuild so get started whenever you can" I finished before looking back at the dust. "They turned the places we cherished most into firewood!" I said to Astrid as the others cleared off in different directions. "I know I don't have even half the reason that you do to be upset but.... I thought this was all over back when we beat the red death" I explained in a quiet voice. "Hiccup Haddock look at me right now" she said sternly. I turned to look at her and she looked right back at me. "You have got through so much and you are so smart, he wants to messy with your head" she said "don't let him win!".

The End is never The End

Hiccup's pov

As me and Astrid rebuilt my hut I couldn't stop thinking about Johann, this had to end before someone really got hurt. "Hey Hiccup could we put a weapons rack over here?" Astrid asked. "Sure and then we could put my inventions over here" I replied. "We have to stop Johann, he can't be let loose around the archipelago any longer" I then said changing the subject. "We will stop him, I promise you Hiccup" Astrid said back as she finished up what she was doing. "Do you mind if I go for a fly Astrid?" I asked. She gave me a nod "don't do anything stupid". "No promises" I said and left. I needed to think so I got on Toothless and we flew over the ocean aimlessly. "I know that I'm missing something Toothless, I just don't know what" I said aloud as I sat on his back. He gave me a soft groan. "Yeah some day things will be peaceful" I added.

Viggo's pov

I could walk again, that's all I needed. I wanted to apologise to the defenders of the wing and the berserker leaders. When I walked outside, the skrill was there as if waiting for me. I immediately knew what was happening. "No, you are to smart and noble to spend all your time with someone like me" I said "I'm not even a dragon rider". He looked at me with a hint of sadness on his face. "If it's what you want" I said with a sigh and held my hand out. He put his head to my hand right away. "How would you like to help me apologise to some old friends" I asked.

When I arrived at Caldera Cay (the actual name of the island) I saw her. "Viggo, to what do we owe this visit" Mala asked. "I have come to make a formal apology to you and your people" I said. "Everyone, I am Viggo Grimborn, former leader of the dragon hunters and current ally to the dragon riders" I started "I committed crimes against dragons that I cannot ever suffer enough for in return, I only hope you can forgive me for all that I have done". "You're really him?" A man asked. "We cannot ever forgive you but we can except you have changed" a woman then said. "Thank you Viggo, you are

surely sincere but I would like to ask about your friend here" she said looking over to the skrill. "He choose me, I couldn't disagree with such a honour" I explained.

Mala and I talked for hours and we slowly started to feel like we had before all this mess, long before Hiccup or that dragon attack. Even long before I knew Valka. We had a connection and I could tell she felt it too. "Mala, Johann wants do defeat the dragon riders at all costs, can you help them?" I asked remembering them. "Me and my tribe are always willing to help, what's the plan?" She replied, sure of herself.

Hiccup's pov

I was building and still wondered about Johann. We were going to beat him some day, but today we would rebuild the edge. When we decided to take a break and have lunch we sat in the now almost rebuilt clubhouse. I ate happily until I heard small wings flap and a dragon land on my shoulder. "A terror mail?" Astrid asked as she glanced over before taking another bite of her food. "It's from Viggo, we have a plan!" I said and we ran to tell the others.

Viggo was on the sea stack like he said. "Viggo, are you really suggesting we do this, it just feels wrong!" I said. "Sometimes you have to do bad things for good reasons" he said. We flew to Johann's base and as expected there was only a few guards who were easily taken out. We positioned ourselves around the island at all points where they could dock. The defenders of the wing were there too and waited with each of us to ambush the hunters. I couldn't help but feel like we were playing dirty but I knew we had no other choice. I wanted to protest to Viggo but he had his own problem. The hunters we were about to ambush were people who had gone through so much alongside him. Some of them were friends, even a relative.

As the ships appeared on the horizon I heard Viggo groan quietly. Most likely because of the barely healed wounds on his back. We had to hide so they wouldn't see us. If they stayed in the ships they would have an advantage and we needed everything to help us. We peeked out from behind trees and bushes and waited for the ships to dock. When the final person was off the ship. I gave the signal to the defenders of the wing and we attacked.

Viggo's pov

I flew over the center of the battle. I knew there were many good men down there. They had just been misled, by me. "It's not to late to make the right decision, you can join us" I shouted in an authoritative voice. "You are good men, many of you are friends of mine, you cannot let my bad decisions many years ago be the cause of your death". Some men began to aim their bows at me. I didn't move. Slowly I saw men take off their leather helmets and fight each other. "Hiccup, don't hit the ones without helmets" I told him. He gave me a nod and together, Toothless and the Skrill shot all the hunters aimed at us.

Hiccup's pov

"Amazing" I exclaimed to myself as we went back to fighting. The ally hunters were sparse but they were there. "Where's Johann?" I asked Viggo next time we passed. "I don't know, Hiccup you have to find him and stop him once and for all" Viggo told me. With one of my signature nods I left to find him. I approached Snotlout and asked him if he saw Johann. "Yeah he went that way, that's why I was away from my post" he said. We flew in the direction where he had pointed.

Just as Johann came into view Hookfang was shot with an arrow. "Keep going Hiccup!" Snotlout shouted as he fell. I quickly shot the hunter but not before he got Toothless. We fell to the ground with a tumble. I quickly grabbed my sword as Johann walked towards me. "You're not seriously about to fight me?" He said arrogantly. "Johann, please stop this" I said standing up. My knees were grazed from the fall and so was the palms of my hands. I tightened the grip on my sword and felt a sharp pain. "And why would I, the best dragon hunter in the world, stop because some boy asked?" He questioned. "Because" I said "I refuse to let you win". "I will use my dieing breath to stop you if I have to" I added, igniting the sword. "Well then you better start dieing because that's never going to happen, I'm a skilled dragon hunter and you're an idealistic amateur" he remarked as he held onto small daggers.

He threw them both at me and I avoided them swinging at him before he could get to more. I missed and he grabbed a sword laying on the ground. He tried to strike me but I managed to hold

my sword in the way. It flew out of my hand and landed sticking up in the ground. I glanced at it before turning back to Johann. He readied for another hit. I looked around for something to defend myself. I ducked out of the way and grabbed one of his daggers. He hit again and this time he gave me a cut across my shoulder. I managed to push the sword away with the dagger before it cut anything important. I held my left hand up to my right shoulder as it bled out. I quickly ran over to my sword, pulling it out of the ground again as my hands stung. As I did Johann kicked me right in the stomach and I fell back and hit my head.

I quickly held my sword over my head as he tried to slash down at me. As I pushed him away I rolled over and jumped to my feet. The sudden change of height made my head sore. I put both hands on my sword again and took a swing at Johann's legs. He jumped over it and slashed my sword back at me. I stumbled backwards and quickly realised we were on a cliff. As my left leg stood half off the edge I looked down. I looked back just soon enough to see Johann kick me off the edge. I dropped my sword as I reached to grab something, anything. "You can stop this, you can save dragons instead of killing them!" I said as I held on with one hand to the edge. Johann gave an evil chuckle. "And why would I do that when I have already achieved victory. "My friends won't stop just because I'm gone" I say trying to stay calm and confident in the face of death. I reach my other hand up to grab the ledge but the rock falls from beneath it. My hand stings as it clings on for life.

Then I heard a growl behind Johann. "Toothless, stay back, you got hit by dragon root, it's still in your system" I shout. Johann gives a look to where Toothless must be and then back down at me. I feel my hand losing grip as my body feels weak. My head feels dizzy and my shoulder is cool with blood. As I try to reach my other hand up again I see Johann lift his foot. "Goodbye Hiccup!" He says. Using the last of my strength, I grab his foot and he slips off the edge. As we fall I start to loose vision. The sounds around me are muffled and I feel like a can't move. I blink and shake my head. A black figure is falling after me. I blink again. "Toothless?" I mumble. I feel myself fall on him and like a reflex turn and put my foot in the stirrups. I change it just in time and we safely glide to the ground below. "Thanks bud" I say as I get off before collapsing to

the ground.

Viggo's pov

It had been weeks since Hiccup's battle with Johann and he wasn't waking up. Mala and I had reconnected. It wasn't easy to convince anyone that my intentions were good but I could live with it if the alternative was hunting dragons. Stoick and Valka were as perfect as they probably always were. I was coping with that fact and Mala helped me realise that Thor was showing me a different path to take. I was so proud of Hiccup, even if I didn't raise him I was proud to call him my son. Snotlout blamed himself for not helping Hiccup but everyone understood that he had his own problems. Stoick is confident that Hiccup will pull through.

"Viggo, I tell you he's as strong as his mother, sure, he was like this after fighting the red death" Stoick said. I could tell he was worried but he knew that he needed to keep spirits high. "If Johann could do as much damage as a red death then we should thank the gods he's gone and that hiccup still has a leg" Gobber said. "Hiccup just woke up!" Astrid said bursting into the room. We all went to his bedside. "Hey dad" He said in a croaky voice. "I'll get you some water" Valka said before rushing off. "Hiccup, are you alright?" Stoick asked "when did you wake up?". "Just now" Hiccup replied. Hiccup must have noticed that I was better because he stared at me for a second before smiling. "Viggo, you're better" he said happily but it changed as realisation hit "how long was I out?" He asked. We caught him up on everything and he took it all surprisingly well.

Hiccup's pov

"Johann, he's gone?" I asked checking what I knew to be true. "He's gone don't worry" my dad said. "There's more like him out there" I said bluntly, stopping him. I looked to Viggo. "You're right, I don't think we can ever stop them all" Viggo said back. "The life we lead may not be the most peaceful but it's one of purpose" I said. "I'll need your help can I count on you?" I asked him. "I would be proud to serve at your side" he agreed with a smirk.

Wrap up

Hiccup's pov

Since we beat Johann we have had many more enemies, each challenging in their own way. Me and Astrid eventually decided to get married and had two beautiful children Stoick and Heather. My father unfortunately died a year or two after Johann during one of our more serious fights with a dragon trapper named Drago. Viggo is my second, second in command right after Astrid. He was there for me when I lost my father and helped train me as a chief as I had neglected my training before. Him and Mala got very close over the few years and are considering making it official. My daughter Heather is already skilled with a bow and shares my brown hair and green eyes while little Stoick has messy blond hair and blue eyes. He is still to young to train but that won't stop Astrid form insisting. Speaking of Astrid, she doesn't do domestic life. Form the moment the kids could walk they had dragons and not long after weapons. She loves that we keep fighting for dragons and I love her. And Viggo has made a real name for himself. He has helped free so many dragon with The skrill. He restored the pride that he lost.

Viggo's pov

It's been years since the last notable event. Stoick unfortunately passed away while saving hiccup's life in battle. After that I decided to help him. We play maces and talons weekly and just when I think I understand his strategy he finds a way to change it. I helped him with some chief training when he first took the position as I had once been one. Hiccup got to meet Lars 2 who I am happy to say was one of the hunters who switched sides back with the Johann fiasco. Me and Mala are in some sort of relationship but we don't know if we should talk the next step as I have responsibilities on Berk and her on Caldera Cay. Hiccup's children are the sweetest and I'm so happy to be a part of his and their life. He really picked a good wife, it's never a dull moment with Astrid around especially considering she is leader of the Berk guard. Berserker island is really prospering and growing. We once found a bewilderbeast egg there. When I think about it, I made so many people's lives hard.

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Thank you for reading. This is the end of Viggo's Pride I hope you enjoy. This chapter was a sort of wrap up Incase anyone wanted to know some other things that I didn't mention. If I left something out feel free to ask!
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